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St. Louis, March 19, 1923.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Department of Justice,
Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

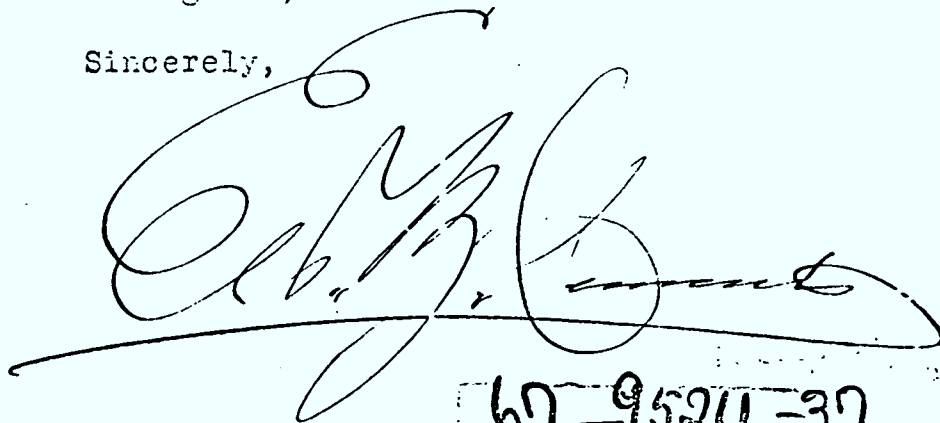
My dear Mr. Hoover:

Many thanks for your letter in regard to Mr. Tolson.
Think he will make you a good man. How is my friend Hallett
getting along? He impressed me as a very bright young fellow.

Hope to be in Washington in the near future and
will give myself the pleasure of a call on you.

With personal regards,

Sincerely,



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March 15, 1928

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:-

I appreciate your letter of the 13th.
Young Tolson will prove a loyal and, I hope,
useful agent.

Cordially yours,

Newton D. Baker

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Newton D. Baker

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WAR DEPARTMENT
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March 16, 1928.

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I hereby accept appointment as Special Agent in the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, at a salary of \$2700.00 per annum, Caf-8, in accordance with the terms of your letter of March fourteenth and the enclosed appointment signed by The Attorney General, same to become effective on April second, 1928. I will report to Special Agent in Charge J. M. Keith, Hurley-Wright Building, between now and April second for oath of office and assignment and will be available for duty on the morning of April second.

Respectfully yours,

Clyde A. Tolson.
Clyde A. Tolson.
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March 15, 1928.

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thanks very much for your letter of the 13th instant advising that Mr. Clyde A. Tolson has been appointed as a Special Agent for the Bureau. I am very glad that his appointment has been found possible.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

E. C. Holladay

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March 13, 1923.

Hon. Dwight D. Davis,
Secretary of War,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Davis:

It is with pleasure that I can
advise you that Mr. Clyde A. Tolson, in
whom you have been interested, has been ap-
pointed as a Special Agent of the Bureau.

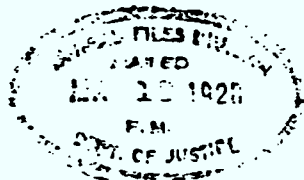
With expressions of my best
regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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J.M.H.:

March 13, 1923.

Hon. E. F. Calladay,
Union Trust Building,
Washington, D. C.

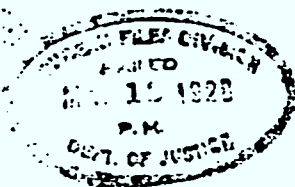
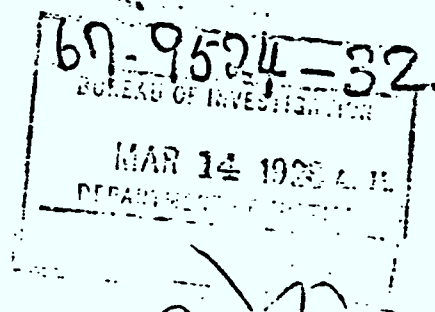
Dear Mr. Calladay:

It is with pleasure that I can
advise you that Mr. Clark A. Nelson, in
whom you have been interested, has been
appointed as a Special Agent of this Bureau.

With expressions of my best
regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Director.



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CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER JUNE 18, 1923

(APPLICANT MUST FILL IN DOTTED LINES BELOW TO HEAVY LINE)

Clyde A. Tolson
(Name)
1733 N Street, N.W., Washington
(Post office address)
Male May 22, 1902
(Sex) (Date of birth)

What examination did you take?

In what Department and Bureau are you to be employed?

In what City or Town are you to be employed?

(PHYSICIAN SHOULD FILL IN THE FOLLOWING)

70 1/4 inches. * 156 pounds. _____ pounds.
(Height, without shoes) (Weight, in clothing) (Weight, without clothing)
Males, without clothing; females, clothed but without wrap or hat.

Items checked (✓) were examined and found normal. Deviations from normal are noted. (See instructions on back of sheet)

1. Eyes: For distance; with glasses if worn: Right 20 Left 20 Without glasses: Right 20 Left 20
Evidence of disease or injury: Right _____ Left _____
2. Ears: Is conversational voice heard at 20 feet? Yes _____
(Yes or no)
Right _____ Left _____
3. Nose: _____
4. Mouth: _____
5. Throat: Pharyngitis
6. Thyroid (especially in women): _____
7. Heart: _____
8. Lungs: Right _____
Left _____
9. Inguinal rings (men only): Right _____
Left _____
(Any hernia should be noted, inguinal, ventral, femoral, etc.)
10. Varicose veins: _____
(If "Yes," state location and degree)
11. Flat foot: _____
(If "Yes," state extent of impairment of function)
12. Deformities, atrophies, and other abnormalities, diseases, or defects not included above: _____
13. Scars of serious injury or disease: _____
14. Urinalysis (see over): _____
15. Has applicant ever received pension, compensation, or training, because of disability received while in military or naval service? _____
If "Yes" describe disability: _____
16. Considering your findings in this examination, as well as the history and the duties of the position of Asst. Dir.
Dept. of Justice what is the ability of the applicant to perform the duties? qualified
(Fill in kind of position sought)

O. E. P. H. B. Registration No. 534, P. O. D. C.
12th and D. Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Med. J. 28
(Date of examination)

The examining
physician
must be in
the Federal
service

Dr. C. W. ...
(Name of examining physician)
2200 15th St
(Title, and branch of medical service)

*For males, to be taken only upon special written request of the official ordering examination.

This report is to be returned to the official of the U. S. Civil Service Commission requesting the examination.

The aim of the Executive order (June 18, 1923, and of this examination thereof is to obtain information as to the physical condition of appointees to the classified civil service with a view to promoting efficiency and minimizing accidents and claims under United States employees' compensation laws.

NOTES FOR EXAMINING PHYSICIAN

WEIGHT: Males, without clothing, and also in ordinary clothing without overcoat or hat (weigh twice); females, clothed but without wrap or hat.

HEIGHT: Without boots or shoes; observe that no appliances are used to increase.

The examination should include the following observations, as to—

- (1) EYES: Ptosis; discharge; corneal scars; pterygium. In recording vision consider 20 feet as normal and report all vision as a fraction with 20 feet as numerator and the smallest type read at 20 feet as denominator. If glasses are used, record for each eye the finding with and without glasses.
- (2) EARS: Evidence of middle ear or mastoid disease; condition of drums; discharge. In recording hearing, record 20 feet as normal distance for conversational voice and record deviation from normal as fraction with 20 as denominator and actual distance as numerator.
- (3) NOSE: Ability to blow through each nostril. If free, a speculum examination would not be indicated.
- (4) THROAT: Tonsils; hypertrophy.
- (5) MOUTH: Missing teeth; pyorrhea.
- (6) THYROID: Presence of tumor in neck and tremor; exophthalmos; nervous highstrung disposition; especially in women.
- (7) HEART: Murmurs. If valvular disease exists, state whether or not it is fully compensated.
- (8) LUNGS: It is necessary that the auscultatory cough be used. Tuberculosis; if present state whether active or arrested, and if arrested your opinion as to how long it has been quiescent. Sputum to be examined for tubercle bacilli in all suspected cases.
- (9) INGUINAL RINGS: Hernia; no hernia but impulse on coughing; no hernia or impulse but abnormally large rings. Any other hernia should be noted, and if present describe fully and state whether it is retained by well-fitting truss.
- (10 to 13) SCARS, deformities, atrophies, paralyses, or flat foot of such a nature as to incapacitate or become aggravated by work or be later alleged as caused by accident or occupation. By "flat foot," as used in this form, is meant a foot with impaired function, the term being equivalent to "fallen or misplaced arch," an abnormal condition. Impairment of function is the point to be noted. It is not intended that small, insignificant blemishes which might be referred to as marks of identification be recorded.
- (14) URINALYSIS to be made and blood pressure to be taken when especially indicated, particularly in persons over 40 when arteriosclerosis, nephritis, or diabetes is suspected.

Record, if taken: Urinalysis: Sp. gr. _____ Albumen _____ Sugar _____

Blood pressure: Min. Hg. systolic _____ Mm. Hg. diastolic _____

REMARKS: _____

(Name of examining physician.)

(Title, and branch of medical service.)

Examined for position in—

Department _____

Bureau _____

Title of position _____

Number of certificate upon which applicant's name appears _____

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March 13, 1923.

Hon. Norton D. Baker,
Editor, Montetier & Sidlo,
Union Trust Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

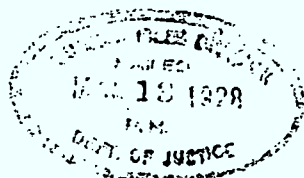
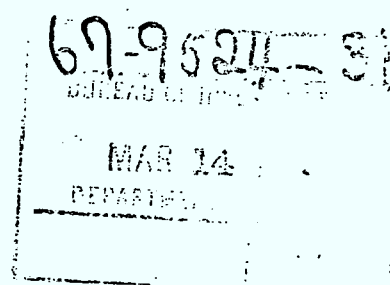
Dear Mr. Baker:

It is with pleasure that I can
advise you that Mr. Clyde A. Tolson, in
whom you have expressed an interest, has
been appointed as a Special Agent of this
Bureau.

With expressions of my best re-
gards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Director.



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March 13, 1933.

Mr. W. W. Clements,
Republican National Committeeman,
The American Hotel,
Saint Louis, Missouri.

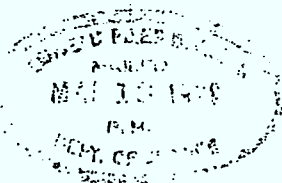
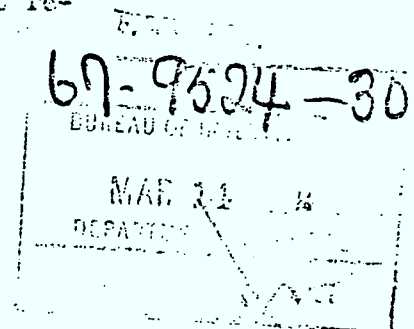
Dear Doctor Clements:

It is with pleasure that I can
advise you that Mr. Charles A. Tolson, in
the past, has been interviewed, has been
employed as a Special Agent of this
Bureau.

With expressions of my best re-
gards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Director.



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March 14, 1928.

Mr. J. M. Keith,
Hurler-Wright Bldg.,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Charles L. Tolson of this city has been appointed as a special agent in the Bureau of Investigation and ordered to report to you for oath of office and assignment later on April 2, 1928. He is being advised that this appointment is tentative for a probationary period of two months and that he will be assigned to any part of the country where his services may be needed.

It will be incumbent upon you to devote particular attention to thoroughly training him, giving him development your personal attention. He should be fully instructed in all phases of the Bureau's work. His investigative actions should be carefully watched and any and all steps taken by you to develop him in such a manner as will make his work creditable to himself and of value to the Bureau.

You should notify this office of his entry on duty and forward his oath of office in duplicate, together with his personal history sheet, as soon as possible.

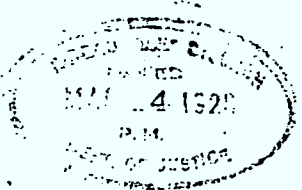
Very truly yours,

Encl. 188642

Director.

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March 14, 1928.

Mr. Clive A. Tolson,
1735 K Street, NW.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith a letter signed by the Attorney General appointing you as a Special Agent in the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, salary at the rate of \$2700 per annum, and-c. You will also be allowed \$6.00 per diem in lieu of subsistence and actual expenses of travel and operation when absent from official headquarters which are fixed to remain at Washington, D. C., and will be fixed from time to time at such places as may be deemed advisable.

This appointment is tendered to you for a probationary period of two years with the understanding that if your services are satisfactory at the expiration of that time the appointment will be made permanent. It is also understood that you are to proceed on orders to any part of the country that the exigencies of the service may require. You should notify this office at once if this appointment is accepted by you. If it is not accepted in one week's time it will be cancelled.

Should you accept, you are directed to report to Special Agent in Charge J. M. Keith, Harley-Bright Building, 18th and Pa. Avenue, NW., for call of office and assignment, not later than April 2, 1928.

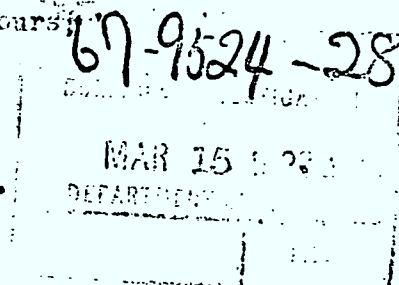
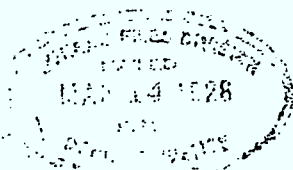
You should so arrange your personal matters before taking oath of office that you will be able to accept assignment to any part of the country where your services may be needed.

Consider this letter strictly confidential, giving it no publicity.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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March 1, 1928.

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Mr. Clyde A. Tolson,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

You are hereby appointed a Special Agent of the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, with salary at the rate of \$2700 per annum, in grade Caf 8. You will also be allowed your actual expenses of travel and operation and \$3.00 a day in lieu of subsistence when absent from official headquarters, which are fixed temporarily at Washington, D. C., and, following your general assignment, your headquarters will be fixed from time to time at such places as may be deemed advisable by the Director of the Bureau of Investigation under whose supervision and instruction you will be employed.

Your salary, expenses, and per diem will be paid from the appropriation for "Detection and Prosecution of Crime."

This appointment will take effect when you enter on duty.

This letter is not to be considered as operating credentials and is not to be so used. Operating credentials are issued separately.

You should execute the required oath of office and personal history sheet.

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Respectfully,

(Signed) Jno. G. Sargent,

Attorney General.

Authority 12817
Vice C. V. Hays.

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March 1, 1923.

Memorandum for the Appointment Clerk:

You will please prepare a letter appointing Clyde A. Tolson as a Special Agent in the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, cas-3, \$2700 per annum and \$5.00 per diem in lieu of subsistence and actual expenses of travel and operation when absent from official headquarters which are fixed temporarily at Washington, D. C., payable from the appropriation for "Detection and Prosecution of Crimes". F. H. M. D. Vice C. V. Hays. Effective with entry on duty.

Director.

Approved:

Assistant Attorney General.

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From
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
To
OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

Attorney General ☐
General Donovan ☐
General Lohring ☐
General Willebrandt ☐
General Marshall ☐
Mr. Chase ☐
Mr. Carusi ☐
Mr. Baldwin ☐
Mr. Harris ☐
Mr. Stewart ☐
Assistant Director ☐
Chief Inspector ☐
Chief, Division 3 ☐
Chief, Division 4 ☐
Chief, Division 5 ☐
Chief, Division 6 ☐
Chief, Division 7 ☐
Miss Gandy ☐
Personnel Filing Section ☐
..... ☐

3-13-23

Division Five:

The attached appointment for Mr. Clyde A. Tolson may be sent out provided the report upon his physical examination has been received and found satisfactory. Mr. Tolson should be directed to report not later than April second, 1923.

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(Date) March 5, 1928.

Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Having filed an application for a position as Special Agent in the Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, I hereby certify that in the event of an appointment I will be governed by the following conditions:

1. Upon appointment and within ten days after receipt thereof, I shall be required to proceed at my own expense to Washington, D. C. where I will take the oath of office and enter on duty.
2. That said appointment will be for a probationary period of two months.
3. That my retention in the Bureau shall be dependent upon my services being satisfactory, and if at, or before, the expiration of the probationary period my services are deemed unsatisfactory, it is understood that my services may be discontinued and that I am not to receive transportation to my home, or to any other point, at Government expense.
4. That if appointed I may be sent to any part of the continental or territorial United States that the exigencies of the Bureau's work may require; that my headquarters will be fixed in some jurisdiction other than that in which I have heretofore resided; that my headquarters may be changed as the work of the Bureau may require and that no transfer will be made from one station to another for personal reasons.

I further certify that nothing connected with this certification is to be construed by me as an assurance that an appointment will be tendered me; that I fully understand all of the foregoing and that the conditions specified herein are agreeable to me; that if appointed my acceptance will be with a full knowledge of the conditions above set forth.

Very truly yours,

Clyde A. Tolson
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March 1, 1957.

Memorandum for Division Five:

Please prepare the necessary
papers recommending the appointment
of Mr. C. A. Tolson, of
Washington, D. C., as a Special
Agent, CAF-1, \$3700.

Director.

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Washington, D. C.
February 9, 1923.

Director,
Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In line with telephone conversation had with Mr. Trainer's office on this day, I advise you that the status of the following applicant cases is as follows:

Samuel Kaplan: Investigation completed; report in hands of stenographer.

G. Ellis Winslow: Investigation practically completed.

Clyde A. Tolson: Investigation completed; matter in hands of stenographer.

Jesse S. Wilson: Investigation completed in this District; matter is left pending further investigation to be done by the Boston Office.

John H. Wilson: Investigation not yet completed.

Dorsey Lafayette Brown: Investigation practically completed.

George C. Compton: Investigation completed; matter ready for dictation.

Richard Mackey: Investigation completed; matter in hands of stenographer.

Very truly yours,

T. H. Tracy

Acting Agent in Charge.

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Original in Kaplan filed 67-5769-17

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

February 27, 1928.

67-9524-23

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In accordance with your instructions, I have interviewed
C. A. Tolson, applicant for the position of Special Agent.

This man is 27 years old, single, home at Cedar Rapids,
Iowa, but has lived the last nine years in Washington, is an attorney,
passed the Bar Examination in the District of Columbia, but will not
be admitted until the second week in March. He is now employed in the
War Department as a clerk to the Secretary of War, and receives a
salary of \$2300 a year. He desires two weeks' notice before leaving
his present employment.

March 1, 1923.

ccs/cpb

Mr. Claude A. Tolson,
1735 H Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

With further reference to your application on file for a posit on as Special Agent in the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, it is requested that you submit a report of your present physical condition. To this end you should consult the U. S. Public Health Service, Post Office Department Building, 10th and Pa. Avenue N.W., submitting the enclosed letter for their attention.

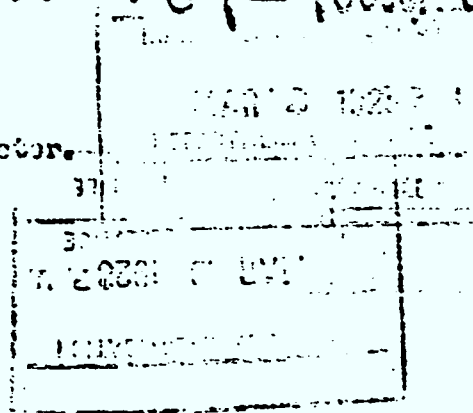
In connection with the above it is also desired that you read the attached form letter closely and carefully and, if the conditions set forth therein are thoroughly understood by you, you are requested to affix your signature thereto and forward the same to this office, together with a report of your physical examination, not later than March 6, 1923.

Very truly yours,

67-9524-22

Encl. 80592

Director.



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March 1, 1923.

U. S. Public Health Service,
Post Office Department Building,
14th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.,
City.

Dear Sir:

The bearer of this letter, Mr. C. A. Tolson, is a prospective candidate for appointment to the service of the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, on or about April 1. It is respectfully requested, in accordance with previous arrangements made, that he be given a thorough physical examination to determine his fitness for the position in question.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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om
Assistant Attorney General Marshall
To
Official Indicated Below by Check Mark

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The Attorney General		
The Solicitor General		
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Assistant Attorney General Galloway		
Assistant Attorney General Parmenter		
Assistant Attorney General Lubring		
Assistant Attorney General Lawrence		
Assistant Attorney General Farnum		
Mr. Chase		
Mr. Hoover, Dir. Bureau of Investigation	✓	
Mr. Conner, Superintendent of Prisons		
Mr. Gardner, General Agent		
Mr. Finch, Pardon Attorney		
Mr. Baldwin, Chief Clerk		
Mr. Sornborger, Appointment Clerk		
Mr. Robb, Mails and Files		
Mr. Caldwell		
Mr. Stewart		
Miss Anderson		
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WAR L. MARTINE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
MEMORANDUM

Handwritten:
Tolson
Atty. Gen.
Sacks
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From
The Attorney General
to
Official indicated below by check mark

	MEMORANDUM
Solicitor General Mitchell	
Assistant to the Atty. Gen., Donovan	2-7-28.
Assistant Attorney General Willebrandt	
Assistant Attorney General Parmenter	✓
Assistant Attorney General Marshall	✓
Assistant Attorney General Farnum	✓
Assistant Attorney General Galloway	✓
Assistant Attorney General Lohring	✓
Assistant Attorney General Lawrence	✓
Mr. Hackworth, Solicitor, Dept. of State	✓
Mr. Mawhinney, Solicitor of the Treasury	✓
Mr. Donnelly, Solicitor, Post Office Dept.	✓
Mr. Patterson, Solicitor, Interior Dept.	✓
Mr. Williams, Solicitor, Dept. of Agriculture ..	✓
Mr. Morgan, Solicitor, Dept. of Commerce	✓
Mr. Risley, Solicitor, Dept. of Labor	✓
Mr. Charest, General Counsel, Bureau Internal Revenue	✓
Mr. Hoover, Dir. Bureau of Investigation	✓
Mr. Conner, Superintendent of Prisons	✓
Mr. Baldwin, Chief Clerk	✓
Mr. Finch, Pardon Attorney	✓
Mr. Sornborger, Appointment Clerk	✓
Mr. Fobb, Mail and Files	✓
Mr. Dodge	✓
Miss Fitzgerald	✓
Mr. Gardner	✓
Mr. Horan	✓
Mr. Chase	✓
Mr. Carusi	✓
Miss Watkins	✓
Miss Brown	✓

Secy of War
 Dennis since
 in this move
 today. Looking
 man who has
 been working
 in War Dept.
 while attending
 law school.
 Day is fine
 young man

Clerk Anderson
 Feb 2 - about
 25. Condition
 Clerk of the
 Secretary of
 War.

67-9524-21

February 24, 1953.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. IRAN.

I wish that you would arrange to interview Mr. Clyde L. Tolson, of Washington, D. C., who is an applicant for a position as a Special Agent in this Bureau.

Please advise me as to your views of Mr. Tolson's capabilities after you have interviewed him.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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February 24, 1928

Mr. Clyde A. Tolson,
1733 N Street N. E.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please call Monday, February 27, 1928, at
Room 433, Department of Justice Building, Vermont Ave-
nue and K Street, for an interview in connection with
your application for position with this Bureau.

Very truly yours,

J. S. EGAN,
INSPECTOR.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

February 23, 1928.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

IN RE: CLYDE A. TOLSON
Applicant for Appointment
as Special Agent

*referred to Mr. Egan
2/24/28 J. E. H.*

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This applicant is 27 years of age, is a native of Missouri, and a resident of Iowa. He has an LL.B. degree from George Washington University, and is at present registered for an LL.M. degree. He gives among his references Honorable Dwight F. Davis, Honorable Newton D. Baker, Dr. Edw. B. Clements, Honorable Hanford MacNider, Honorable Edward F. Colladay and Mr. John W. Martyn. Applicant has passed the D. C. Bar. His experience is given as follows:

Applicant states he was appointed stenographer in the War Department on July 12, 1918; during latter part of 1918 was Chief Clerk, Committee on Education and Special Training, Office Chief of Staff; from 1919 to November 1920, Correspondence Clerk, The Adjutant General's Office, and since November 1920 has been Confidential Clerk to Secretaries of War Newton D. Baker, John W. Weeks, and Dwight F. Davis.

A letter from Secretary of War Davis states that applicant has been employed in the War Department for several years; that his work in that Department has been satisfactory; and that he is of good reputation.

Honorable Newton D. Baker, Cleveland, Ohio, states that applicant came to the War Department while he was Secretary of War; that he was a capable and efficient stenographer, and of good reputation and habits. He states he has not seen applicant for nearly ten years.

Dr. Ed. B. Clements, Republican National Committeeman, St. Louis, Missouri, states that he first met applicant about three years ago, and since then has met applicant every time he has visited Washington; and that he is an honest and intelligent young man.

Major General John Hill, Judge Advocate General, United States Army, Washington, D. C., has known applicant since 1920, and states that he has had every opportunity to observe applicant's work; that applicant's position

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requires him to meet all of the people that come into the office of the Secretary of War; that he is diplomatic in handling callers; and that he is courteous and trustworthy.

Walter S. Dickey, Owner and Publisher, Kansas City Journal and Kansas City Post, Kansas City, Missouri, states he met applicant while calling on the Secretary of War during the past seven or eight years; that applicant's duties were to receive visitors calling upon the Secretary of War; that at times it was necessary for him to wait his turn before calling upon the Secretary of War and during these periods became well acquainted with applicant; that he appeared to be very efficient, conscientious, capable, and studious; that his knowledge of applicant is extremely limited, but his impression of him very favorable.

Thomas Pernie, Letter Carrier, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has known applicant about seven or eight years, and states that he is bright and ambitious, and not at all dissipated.

John W. Martyn, Executive Assistant to the Secretary of War, War Department, Washington, D. C., has known applicant for several years and states that he places the highest trust in him; that he would consider applicant's leaving the War Department a considerable loss, owing to his efficiency; that he can be depended upon; and that his associates and habits have been good.

Hon. Edw. F. Colladay, Republican National Committeeman, Washington, D. C., states that his knowledge of applicant is restricted to his acquaintance with him in the office of the Secretary of War; that he was first attracted to him because of his courtesy; and that he meets people well.

S. H. Kent, Chief Clerk, Executive Division, Adjutant General's Office, Division of Office Personnel, Washington, D. C., gave applicant's record while there, which showed that he was appointed July 12, 1918 as a Chief Clerk, with a salary of \$1100 per annum; that he became a typist in April, 1919, in the Adjutant General's Office, where he received a high efficiency rating. He was transferred to the office of the Secretary of War in 1920 because of his exceptional diction and diplomatic type of correspondence.

Applicant is at present studying for his LL. M. degree at George Washington University.

W. C. Hemming, President, Cedar Rapids Business College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, states that applicant graduated from his school in June, 1918, and was one of his best students.

Miss Hattie L. Cook, Teacher, Cedar Rapids Business College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, spoke favorably of applicant, as did Miss Lena A. Voght, of Cedar Rapids.

Acting Agent in Charge Tracy states that applicant informed him that he desires to enter the service of the Bureau in order that he may obtain experience and make connections so that he may commence the practice

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of law in his home town, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Applicant stated that he expected to remain in the Bureau, if appointed, about a year and a half or two years, but after that he could not say. Applicant impressed Mr. Tracy as being a substantial sort of man, courteous, of pleasing manners, and excellent personality and appearance. Mr. Tracy also states that his dictation is excellent. Further, that applicant appeared to be of the "social" type (whatever that may mean) and might become displeased with any of the rugged work of the Bureau. He thought applicant would make an excellent agent.

It is, of course, not altogether pleasing for applicants to expect to use the Bureau as a stepping stone to something else, either better, or worse. However, we have many agents on the staff of the Bureau at the present time who did not intend to remain very long when they entered the service. Applicant's experience in the office of the Secretary of War would appear to be an asset to him in the work of the Bureau, as would the acquaintances he made while employed in that office.

I recommend favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,

H. L. H.

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SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION

February 18, 1928

Applicant: Clyde A. Tolson

Position: Special Agent

Date: Jan. 25, 1928

Address: 1733 N St. N. W., Wash. D. C.

Legal residence: 524 South 12th St. East, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Age: 27

Education: Graduated from grammar school and high school at

Laredo, Missouri; from Business College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa in 1916; from George Washington University, Wash. D. C. in 1925, receiving an A.B. degree; from George Washington University Law School in Oct. 1927, receiving an LL.B. degree, and at present registered for LL.H. de

Degrees: A.B.

LL.B.

References and Personal History: gree at George Washington.

Hon. Dwight P. Davis, Secy. of War, War Dept. Wash. D. C. (Letter)

Hon. Newton D. Baker, former Secy. of War, Union Commerce Nat'l Bank Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. Ed. B. Clements, Republican Nat'l Committeeman, The American Hotel, St. Louis, Mo.

Major General John A. Hull, Judge Advocate General, U. S. Army.

Mr. Walter S. Dickey, Owner & Publisher, Kansas City Times, Kansas City, Mo.

Hon. Hanford MacKider, former Assistant Secy. of War, Mason City, Iowa.

Mr. John W. Martyn, Executive Asst. to the Secretary of War, War Dept.

Hon. Edw. F. Colladay, Republican National Committeeman, Union Trust Building Wash. D. C.

Applicant states he was appointed stenographer in the War Dept. July 12, 1918; during latter part of 1918 was Chief Clerk, Committee on Education and Special Training, Office Chief of Staff; from 1919 to November 1920, Correspondence Clerk, The Adjutant General's Office, and since November 1920 has been Confidential Clerk to Secretaries of War Newton D. Baker, John W. Weeks, and Dwight P. Davis.

Applicant states he recently passed the D. C. Bar.

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Letter from Hon. Dwight F. Davis,
Secretary of War,
Wash. D. C.

Stated that applicant has been employed in the War Dept. for several years and during that time he attended George Washington University, receiving an A.B. and LL.B. degree; that his work in the War Department has always been entirely satisfactory and he is of good character; that, naturally, applicant is anxious to secure a position which will give him experience along legal lines, and that he would personally appreciate anything that may be done to assist applicant in getting located.

Hon. Newton D. Baker, 1924
Union Trust Bldg.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Stated that he did not know anything of applicant's antecedents, home, etc., but that applicant came to the War Dept. while he was Secretary of War; that applicant studied law, was a capable and efficient stenographer, and a man of irreproachable character and habits; that he is under the impression that applicant is now confidential secretary to Secretary of War Davis; that he has not seen applicant for nearly ten years, and that, at the request by letter of applicant, he wrote to the Attorney General endorsing applicant. This letter, which is on file in applicant's personnel file, states in addition to his above statements, that he is pleased to say that during the time he had applicant under immediate observation, he was a boy of fine presence, serious attention to his duties, and excellent intelligence that his entire observation was favorable, and that he is glad to recommend applicant to the Department.

Dr. Ed. B. Clements, Republican
National Committeeman, St. Louis,
Mo.

Stated that he first met applicant about 3 years ago and since then has met him every time he, Dr. Clements, has visited Washington, which was about 2 or 3 times each year; that applicant is a very nice, bright, dependable young man, and that he would gladly recommend him for the position he is seeking.

Major General John Hull, Judge
Advocate General, U. S. Army,
Wash. D. C.

Stated that he has known applicant since 1920 and due to the direct contact maintained with office in which applicant was employed the General has had every opportunity to observe applicant's work, mannerisms, capabilities, and methods in handling office work; that applicant's position requires him to meet all of the people that come into the office of the Secretary of War, meeting them exceptionally well and is very diplomatic in handling callers that come in the office; that applicant is very courteous, absolutely trustworthy and is an exceptionally bright, clean cut young man.

Mr. Walter S. Dickey, Owner &
Publisher, Kansas City Journal
and Kansas City Post, Kansas
City, Mo.

Stated that for the past 7 or 8 years he had occasion to make frequent visits to Washington and on numerous occasions he had called upon the Secretary of War and for this reason has been acquainted with applicant for about 7 years, whose

duties were to receive visitors calling upon the Secretary of War that at various times it was necessary for him to wait his turn before calling upon the Secretary of War and during these periods he had become very well acquainted with applicant; that he appeared to be very efficient; conscientious; capable; studious, and handled his work very well; that he had the appearance of being a clean cut, energetic young man, and would doubtless prove satisfactory for the position sought; that he had no knowledge whatever of applicant's family, home life, financial responsibility or special qualifications for the position sought; that he unhesitatingly recommends applicant for the position sought; that his knowledge of applicant was extremely limited, but his impressions of applicant were very favorable.

Mr. Thomas Pernis, Letter Carrier, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Stated that he had known applicant about 7 or 8 years; that he was a very bright and ambitious young man; that he knows applicant is not at all dissipated and would take pleasure in endorsing him for any position.

Mr. John W. Martyn, Executive Assistant to the Secy. of War, War Dept. Wash. DC

Stated that he has known applicant for several years, regarding him very highly; that he places the highest degree of trust in applicant and does not hesitate to recommend applicant; that were applicant to leave his Department he would consider it a loss to both himself and the Department due to the fact that applicant has been highly efficient in the expedition of his work; that he can be absolutely depended upon to carry out instructions given and upon many occasions has left his work in applicant's sole charge; that applicant made his own way through school; that his habits and associates have always been of the best; that applicant could have derived a great number of benefits through the position he holds if he were inclined to accept bribes and was of a mercenary temperament; that he has been tried in that respect in a discreet manner and was found to be above reproach.

Hon. Edw. F. Colladay, Republican National Committee-man, Union Trust Building, Wash. D. C.

Stated that his knowledge of applicant was restricted to his acquaintance with applicant in the office of the Secretary of War; that he was first attracted to applicant by the courteous treatment accorded him upon his visits to applicant's office; that applicant has an exceptional faculty of meeting people well; that he is very likeable and efficient and upon the occasions applicant was required to handle matters for him in the War Department Office, applicant did so with an exacting precision; that he has become interested in applicant due to the fact that he encouraged applicant to pursue the study of law and applicant has come to him upon several occasions since beginning the study of law requesting cases that he (Mr. Colladay) has had before the Supreme Court; that this action on the part of the law student is excep-

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tional in that the amount of work required to trace an outside case requires a great deal of work, tedious checking of cases which make the personal investigation almost prohibitive in conjunction with the amount of work a law student carries at school; that his knowledge of applicant is limited to his connection with the War Department Office, knowing nothing of applicant's family history, financial responsibilities or personal habits; that he was particularly impressed with the manner in which applicant conducted himself and his general appearance in the War Department Office, and that he personally did not hesitate to recommend applicant for any position of trust.

Mr. S. H. Kent, Chief Clerk
Executive Div. Adjutant
General's Office, Division
of Office Personnel,
Wash. D. C.

Produced records that showed that applicant was appointed as Chief Clerk, salary of \$1100 per annum, July 12, 1918 to Jan. 11, 1919; that he received an increase of \$220 per annum extending over the period from Jan. 12, 1919 to April 8, 1919, at which time he was transferred to the Adjutant General's Office, as a typist where remained from April 9, 1919 to Nov. 9, 1920, his efficiency rating for the period ending Dec. 1919 was a little better than 97; that he rated 291 of 3099 so classified; for the period ending June 1920 his efficiency rating was a little better than 98 and rated 177 of 2779 so classified; that he was transferred to the Office of Secretary of War on November 10, 1920, because of the exceptional diction and diplomatic type of correspondence used by applicant, which had come to the attention of the War Department and his transfer was requested. Mr. Kent stated that Mr. B. J. Wrightsman, under whose direct supervision applicant was employed, reported applicant to be exceptionally efficient, capable and industrious in the handling of his office work.

Miss Hazel Arrington,
Clerk, Registrar's Office,
George Washington University,
Wash. D. C.

Produced records that showed that applicant entered in February 1920, and graduated in October 1925 with BA degree, and that applicant's scholastic standing is above the average.

Miss A. K. Bischoff, Asst.
Recorder, Registrar's Office,
George Washington University,
Wash. D. C.

Showed records that revealed that applicant enrolled in the Law School on October 22, 1924 and graduated June 24, 1927 with an LL.B. degree, and that under date of October 1, 1927, applicant enrolled for an LL.M. degree which course of study he is at present pursuing.

Miss E. Peterson, Civil
Service Commission, Wash.
D. C.

Produced records which showed that applicant was originally appointed on July 12, 1918 to the War Staff as stenographer and typist at \$1100 per year, and that on January 6, 1923, his status was changed to that of clerk to the Secretary of War at \$2000 per year, his present salary being \$2300.

Mr. W. C. Henning, Pres.
Cedar Rapids Business College,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Stated that applicant graduated from his school in June 1918 and was one of the best students in school; thoroughly trustworthy and reliable in every way.

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Miss Fattie L. Cook, Teacher,
Cedar Rapids Business College,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Stated that she has never taught a nicer or more apt student than applicant was, and she knows he will make a success in any undertaking.

Miss Lena A. Voght, Iowa Rail-
way and Ligh Company,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Stated that she taught applicant while he attended the Business College, and that he was O. K. in every way.

Personal Interview:
T. H. Tracy, Acting SAC

Agent states, that applicant told him that he does not desire a position as a matter of remuneration as he can hold his present position as long as he cares to; that he desires a position as Special Agent for the reason that he wants to obtain experience and make connections so that he may commence the practice of law in his home town, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. After being questioned as to how long he would remain with the Bureau, assuming he obtained the position, he answered about a year and a half or two years, but after that he could not say. Applicant impresses Agent as being a substantial sort of man, very courteous, his manner is pleasing, and his personal appearance excellent, his bearing upright. Agent states that the fact applicant has considerable tact can safely be inferred from the position he has occupied for the past 8 years; that there is no question in his mind but what applicant possesses many qualifications far above the average applicant; that in dictation he has confidence, poise, and his diction is excellent; that applicant seems to be of a social type and although physically fitted for it, might be displeased with rugged work; this was brought out by the manner of his questions concerning the apprehension of fugitives and undercover duties; that he is convinced that applicant would make an excellent Agent and be a credit to the Bureau, but his frankness in stating that he only intends to remain with the Bureau for a period of 2 years would seem to militate against him and render employment speculative.

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

WASHINGTON, D. C.

REPORT MADE AT: Washington, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE: 2-17-28	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2-17-28	REPORT MADE BY: C. D. White APK
TITLE: CLYDE A. TOLSON			CHARACTER OF CASE: APPLICANT FOR POSITION AS SPECIAL AGENT
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:			File #67-987
All leads in this and other districts having been followed to a logical conclusion this case will be considered CLOSED.			
REFERENCE: File.			
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REPORT MADE AT: Washington, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE: 2-7-28	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2-6/7-28	REPORT MADE BY: C. D. White APK
TITLE: CLYDE A. TOLSON			CHARACTER OF CASE: APPLICANT FOR POSITION AS SPECIAL AGENT
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: File #67-987</p> <p>References given by applicant interviewed by Agent. References' knowledge of applicant limited to business connections and none of the references know anything of applicant's family history or home life. All references regard applicant very highly and state he is an exceptionally clean cut, studious, trustworthy, and dependable man. P.O.O.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter of the Director under date of January 26, 1928.</p> <p>DETAILS: - At Washington, D. C. -</p> <p>Major General John Hull, Judge Advocate General, United States Army, states he has known applicant since 1920 and due to the direct contact maintained with office in which applicant was employed the General has had every opportunity to observe applicant's work, mannerisms, capabilities and methods in handling office work. He further states that applicant's position requires him to meet all of the people that come into the office of the Secretary of War and that applicant meets people exceptionally well and is very diplomatic in handling callers that come in that office. The General states that applicant is very courteous, absolutely trustworthy and is an exceptionally bright, clean cut young man.</p> <p>Mr. John W. Martyn, Executive Assistant to the Secretary of War, War Department, interviewed by Agent and states he has known applicant for several years and regards him very highly and bears out his respect for the applicant by the fact that he has promoted applicant to the position of First Assistant, which position applicant now holds. Mr. Martyn states that he places</p>			
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the highest degree of trust in the applicant and does not hesitate to recommend applicant and stated that were the applicant to leave his Department he would consider it a loss to both himself and the Department due to the fact that applicant has been highly efficient in the expedition of his work, can be absolutely depended upon to carry out instructions given and upon many occasions has left his work in applicant's sole charge. Agent interrogated Mr. Martyn relative to whether or not applicant drank and stated that applicant was not a drinking man. Upon further questioning, however, Mr. Martyn informed Agent that due to the fact applicant was so well liked in the Department he was taken on a trip with the Department heads through the Panama Canal and up the western coast. He stated that due to the fact that the executives making the trip had things very much their own way there was considerable drinking while enroute. Mr. Martyn stated that he saw applicant take a few drinks during this trip but was very gratified to see how applicant carried himself and refrained from any excessive drinking and only did so upon occasions when, due to the nature of the trip, it would have been a social error on applicant's part to have refused. Mr. Martyn feels that what little drinking applicant did on this trip was done in that respect and further states that never since applicant's return from the trip has he ever seen or heard of applicant taking a drink. Mr. Martyn states that it is his understanding that applicant is making his own way through school; that he has shown no particular interest in women; that his habits and associates have always been of the best. Agent questioned Mr. Martyn as to whether or not applicant would accept a bribe in any form or nature. Agent was informed that if applicant were so inclined and was of a mercenary temperament he could have derived a great number of benefits through the position he holds; that applicant has been tried in that respect in a discreet manner and applicant was found to be above reproach. Mr. Martin informed Agent that applicant took the Civil Service examination at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in the year 1918, and that applicant was appointed to the War Department from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, July 1918. He states that applicant's father, James W. Tolson, is employed by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company, official capacity unknown to Mr. Martyn. Mr. Martyn's knowledge of applicant's family history is confined to the above statement.

✓ Honorable Edward F. Colladay, Republican National Committeeman, Union Trust Building, informed Agent his knowledge of applicant was restricted to his acquaintance with applicant in the office of the Secretary to the War Department; that he was first attracted to applicant by the courteous treatment accorded him upon his visits to applicant's office. Mr. Colladay states that applicant has an exceptional faculty of meeting people well; that he is very likeable and efficient and upon the occasions applicant was required to handle matters for Mr. Colladay in the War Department Office applicant did so with an exacting precision. Mr. Colladay states further that he has become interested in applicant due to the fact that he encouraged applicant to pursue the study of law and applicant has come to him upon several occasions since beginning the study of law requesting cases that Mr. Colladay has had before the Supreme Court. Mr. Colladay states that this action on the part of the law student is exceptional in that the amount of work required to trace an outside case requires a great deal of work, tedious checking of cases which makes the personal investigation

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almost prohibitive in conjunction with the amount of work a law student carries at school. Mr. Colladay's knowledge of applicant is limited to his connection with the War Department Office. He states that he knows nothing of applicant's family history, financial responsibilities or personal habits. In response to query by Agent, Mr. Colladay stated he did not know of his own personal knowledge but would be very much surprised to learn that applicant smokes. He said he was particularly impressed with the manner in which applicant conducted himself and his general appearance in the War Department Office. He personally did not hesitate to recommend applicant for any position of trust.

✓ Mr. E. H. Kent, Chief Clerk, Executive Division of the Adjutant General's Office, Division of Office Personnel, produced records for Agent's perusal which reflect applicant to have been appointed as Chief Clerk, salary of \$1,100.00 per annum, July 12, 1918, to January 11, 1919. He received an increase in salary of \$220.00 per annum extending over the period from January 12, 1919 to April 8, 1919, at which time applicant was transferred to the Adjutant General's Office, War Department, as a typist where he remained from April 9, 1919, to November 9, 1920. Applicant's efficiency rating for the period ending December 1919 was a little better than 97. Applicant rated 291 of 3099 so classified. From the period ending in June 1920 applicant's efficiency rating was a little better than 98, and rated 177 of 2771 so classified. Applicant's transfer to Office of Secretary of War was effected November 10, 1920. Mr. Kent informed Agent that applicant's duties were to handle correspondence with reference to prisoners of war of foreign countries to foreign officials of their respective countries and it was at this time, due to the exceptional diction and diplomatic type of correspondence used by applicant, that applicant came to the attention of the War Department and his transfer to that Department was then requested. Mr. Kent informed Agent that Mr. B. J. Wrightman, under whose direct supervision applicant was employed, reported applicant to be exceptionally efficient, capable and industrious in the handling of his office work.

✓ Hazel Arrington, Clerk, Registrar's Office, George Washington University, produced records of applicant's attendance in the above school which reflect applicant entered February 1920, graduated October 1925 with BA degree; that applicant's scholastic standing is above the average.

✓ Miss A. H. Bischoff, Assistant Recorder, Registrar's Office, George Washington University Law School was interviewed by Agent. Records from this office reveal applicant's enrollment to have been made October 22, 1924, and his graduation on June 24, 1927, with an LL.B degree. The records further reveal that under date of October 1, 1927, applicant enrolled for an LL.M degree which course of study applicant is at present pursuing.

✓ Mr. Charles W. Prettyman, Service Manager, Retail Credit Men's Association of Washington, when interviewed, produced records which reflect two accounts in applicant's name, one in the amount of \$20.00, Men's Furnishings, which is reported as paid promptly and the other - Hecht Company, in the amount

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of \$207.00 to be paid at the rate of \$40.00 a month, first three months having been paid promptly, the last payment was a little slow.

Captain Emerson, Chief of Detectives, Metropolitan Police Department, informed Agent they have no record of any violation of any nature under name of applicant.

Search of the records in the Clerk's Office of the Supreme Court requested by Agent, same reflect that applicant passed the bar examination but has not as yet been admitted to the bar, District of Columbia. Clerk could not give Agent any definite information as to when applicant would be admitted to the bar but said it would be sometime in the near future at the sitting of the next general term of court.

Mias E. Peterson, Civil Service Commission, produced service history record which reflects applicant's date of original appointment to be July 12, 1918, War Staff, District of Columbia, in the capacity of stenographer and typist at a salary of \$1,200.00 a year. January 6, 1923, his status was changed to that of clerk to the Secretary of War at a salary of \$2,000.00 per annum, his present salary being \$2,500.00.

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Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 9, 1928.

Dear Mr. Tracy:

In compliance with your request that I advise you of the reasons why I have made application for a position as a Special Agent in the Bureau of Investigation I would state that the chief purpose in my wishing to make a change of positions is that, having completed my work in college and having successfully passed the Bar Examination, I desire to secure a place where I might gain some experience along legal lines. Inasmuch as I have been in the Departmental service during the past ten years and since I have no connection with any legal firm with which I might secure immediate employment, I felt that a position similar to that of a Special Agent would give me the necessary experience to enable me to enter the legal profession at some later time.

Very truly yours,

Clyde A. Tolson,

Applicant.

Time: 5 Minutes.

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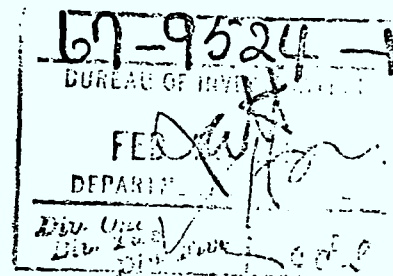
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Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 11, 1928.

Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

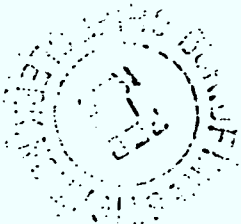


Dear Sir:

After having had a personal interview with Clyde A. Tolson, 1733 N Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., applicant for the position of Special Agent, I advise you that he informed me he was born in Laredo, Missouri, on May 22, 1900, and that he attended grammar and high school there, graduating from the latter in 1915. His family moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1917, and applicant attended business college there for the scholastic year 1917 - 1918. Applicant then left home and came to Washington where he has since remained. His father is James W. Tolson, Special Agent for the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. His mother is living. The only other member of the family is his brother, H. A. Tolson, 1332 Farragut Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., who is Award Clerk, Panama Canal Zone Division of the War Department, Washington, D. C. There are no other relatives in the Government service.

Applicant states on July 12, 1918, he obtained the position of stenographer at the office of the Chief of Staff, War Department, at a salary of \$1100 and that one year later he was transferred to the Adjutant General's Office as Correspondence Clerk, Prisoners Section, at a salary of \$1440. In November, 1920, he was transferred to the office of the Secretary of War as Confidential Clerk at a salary of \$1600. He has held this position through the regimes of Secretaries Baker, Weeks, and the present Secretary, Davis. His present salary is \$2300.

Applicant states that in February, 1920, he enrolled at George Washington University night school and in June, 1925, received his A.B. degree and that in October, 1927, he received his LL.B. degree from the same institution. Up to a week or so ago he was enrolled at the same university as a candidate for an LL.M. degree, but discontinued his studies in this respect inasmuch as he just received word of passing the District of Columbia Bar Examinations.



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It was brought out in the course of the investigation that in 1923, under Secretary of War Weeks, applicant took part in the junket trip through the Cannal Zone to the West Coast and that he indulged in intoxicants on this trip. The matter was fully gone into with applicant and he stated that it is true that he had indulged in liquors on board ship on this trip at the Cannal Zone when champagne toasts were had between the President of Panama and the Secretary of War Weeks, and toasts were given by one country to another, but that he considered this in line with social duty, and could not very well escape this so called responsibility. Applicant stated that he had no desire to conceal the fact that he had taken liquor on this and possibly a few other occasions; that what little drinking he had done was brought about by the exigencies of the immediate social situation as he is not a drinking man and does not care for liquor.

Applicant also stated that he has been living at the above address since 1920. This is the Sigma Nu Fraternity House, attached to the George Washington University. He states that he has been President of this Fraternity for three times and that this occasioned his long residence there.

Applicant states he does not desire a position as a matter of remuneration as he can hold his present position as long as he cares to; that he desires a position as Special Agent for the reason that he wants to obtain experience and make connections so that he may commence the practice of law in his home town, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. I questioned him further along this line and asked him, assuming he obtained the position, found the necessary experience in it and made his so called connections, how long he would remain with the Bureau; to which he answered a year and a half or two years, but after that he could not say. He is a single man, of course, and stated that he has no objections to travel and that he desires to be in the middle west where he can make his connections.

This applicant impresses me as being a substantial sort of man. He is very courteous, his manner is pleasing, and his personal appearance excellent, his bearing upright. That he has considerable tact can safely be inferred from the position he occupied for the past eight years. There is no question in my mind but what he possesses many qualifications far above the average applicant. He is a stenographer and also claims ability to read Spanish. In dictation he has confidence, poise and his diction is excellent. I understand the manner in which he handled correspondence at the War Department attracted attention and earned him the position of Confidential Clerk to the Secretary. He stated that eight years in his present position is a long time and desired to break away in order that he

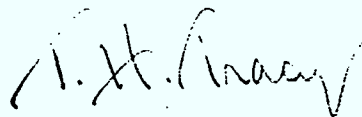
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might start on his career. Applicant seems to me to be of a social type and although physically fitted for it, might be displeased with rugged work. This was brought out by the manner of his questions concerning the apprehension of fugitives and undercover duties. I am convinced that this applicant would make an excellent Agent and be a credit to the Bureau, but his frankness in stating that he only intends to remain with the Bureau for a period of two years would seem to militate against him and render employment speculative.

Attached hereto you will find specimen of dictation by the applicant.

Very truly yours,



T. H. Tracy,
Acting Agent in Charge.

THT:JSR

67-9524-13

February 9, 1928

Mr. Clyde A. Tolson,
1733 N Street N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 6, 1928 and note that you have recently passed the District of Columbia bar examination. You are advised that a notation to that effect has been made on your application.

Very truly yours,

Director.

WAR DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON

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February 6, 1928.

The Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the application for an appointment as
Special Agent in the Bureau of Investigation, which I filed
recently, it is requested that a notation be made thereon that
I recently passed the District of Columbia bar examination.

Respectfully,

Clyde A. Tolson.

Clyde A. Tolson,
Clerk to the Secretary
of War.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Washington, D. C.

REPORT MADE AT: Columbus, O.	DATE WHEN MADE: 2/3/28	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2/1/28	REPORT MADE BY: E. F. Kennedy, Jr.
TITLE: Clyde A. Tolson			CHARACTER OF CASE: Applicant for Position as Special Agent

Columbus File #67-32

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Hon. Newton D. Baker states that applicant was a stenographer in the War Department while he, Mr. Baker, was Secretary, and that he is a man of most excellent character and habits.

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DETAILS:

Refer to the letter of the Director dated the 26th ultimo in this case.

At Cleveland, O.: Agent interviewed Hon. Newton D. Baker, 1924 Union Trust Bldg., who stated that he did not know anything of applicant's antecedents, home, etc., but that applicant came to the War Department while he, Mr. Baker, was Secretary of War; that applicant studied law, was a capable and efficient stenographer, and a man of irreproachable character and habits.

Mr. Baker stated that he is under the impression that applicant is now confidential secretary, or assistant confidential secretary to Secretary of War Davis, and he suggests that Mr. Davis be interviewed, as he, Mr. Baker, has not seen applicant for nearly ten years.

Mr. Baker also informed Agent that last week, at the request (by letter) of applicant, he, Mr. Baker, wrote to the Attorney General endorsing applicant.

RUC--No further action here

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Washington, D. C.**

REPORT MADE AT: Omaha, Nebraska.	DATE WHEN MADE: 2-2-28	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2-1-28	REPORT MADE BY: L. H. KEEP
TITLE: CLYDE A. TOLSON			CHARACTER OF CASE: APPLICANT FOR POSITION AS SPECIAL AGENT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

(Omaha File #67-149-)

Investigation discloses Applicant to be a man of good character, thoroughly reliable and graduate of Iowa Business College. No reason could be found why Applicant should not be appointed to above position. R.U.C.

REFERENCE: Director's letter dated 1-26-28, requesting investigation to determine Applicant's fitness for position as Special Agent.


DETAILS: - At Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

✓ Applicant only gave one reference in this district, that being Honorable Hanford MacNider, former Assistant Secretary of War, Mason City, Iowa. Agent ascertained that Mr. MacNider is now in Honolulu and will not return to the States for several months.

Investigation made in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, which is the home town of Applicant's parents, discloses his father JAMES TOLSON is a trusted employee of the Chicago-Milwaukee Railway Company, occupying the position of Special Agent. It appears that the family came from Missouri to Cedar Rapids seven or eight years ago and very few people of the town could be found who knew this Applicant, as he left the City after completing a Business Course and went to Washington, D. C. to work, where he studied law and qualified to practice; but every person who did know Applicant spoke of him in the very highest terms.

✓ Thomas Pernis, one of the most highly regarded letter carriers in the Government Service lives only two doors from Applicant's parents. Mr. Pernis stated that he had known this young man about seven or eight years; that he was a very bright and ambitious young man; that he was talking with him the past summer when he was on a visit to his parents' home and learned that he had graduated in law, and at that time held some position in the War Department. Mr. Pernis states he knows Applicant is not at all dissipated and would take pleasure in endorsing him for any position.

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✓ Mr. W. C. Henning, President of Cedar Rapids Business College, stated that Applicant graduated from his school in June, 1918 and was one of the best students in school; thoroughly trustworthy and reliable in every way; that he entered school as soon as the family came from Missouri and after completing his course went to Washington, D. C. to work and there studied law.

✓ Miss Mattie L. Cook, one of the teachers stated that she never taught a nicer or more apt student than this Applicant was, and she knows he will make a success in any undertaking.

✓ Miss Lena A. Voght, of the Iowa Railway and Light Company, stated that she taught in the Business College while Applicant attended that school and was one of his teachers; that he was G. I. in every way.

✓ W. C. Benech, Chief of Police, stated that while he did not know this Applicant personally that he is very well acquainted with his father, who is a high class man and is Special Agent for the Chicago and Milwaukee Railway Company. The Chief stated he knows this Applicant has never been in any kind of trouble.

There being no further investigation required in this District, this case is

REFERRED BACK TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN - NO FURTHER ACTION HERE.

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REPORT MADE AT: St. Louis, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE: 2-1 -28	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1-30-28	REPORT MADE BY: D. W. MAHER
TITLE: CLYDE A. TOLSON, 1733 H Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.			CHARACTER OF CASE: APPLICANT - Special Agent

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Dr. Ed. B. Clements, reference given by APPLICANT, considers him a very nice, bright, dependable young man and gladly recommends him for the position as Special Agent, Department of Justice.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN. NO FURTHER ACTION HERE.

DETAILS:

Reference is made to letter from the Director dated Washington, D. C., January 26, 1928.

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

✓ This Agent interviewed Dr. Ed. B. Clements, Republican National Committee-man, reference given by APPLICANT, and he advised that APPLICANT is about 25 years of age, employed as a clerk in the War Department, also acts as secretary to Dwight F. Davis, Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.; that he first met APPLICANT about three years ago and since then has met him every time he, Dr. Clements, has visited Washington, which was about two or three times each year.

✓ He stated that APPLICANT is a very nice, bright, dependable young man and that he would gladly recommend him for the position he is seeking - Special Agent, **DETAILS:** Department of Justice.

✓ REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN. NO FURTHER ACTION HERE.

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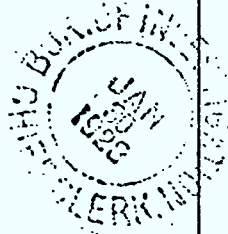
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT - Washington, D. C.

REPORT MADE AT: Kansas City, Missouri.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1-28-28	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1-28-28	REPORT MADE BY: Louis D. Wine M.E.
TITLE: CLYDE A. TOLSON			CHARACTER OF CASE: APPLICANT FOR POSITION SPECIAL AGENT.

K.C. File 67-155-

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Walter S. Dickey, owner and publisher of Kansas City Journal and Post (not Times) interviewed. Mr. Dickey has known Applicant for about seven years while Applicant was employed as Clerk to Secretary of War, Washington, D. C. Applicant clean cut, intelligent, and studious. Mr. Dickey's knowledge of Applicant limited to numerous conversations with Applicant while calling on the Secretary of War. Mr. Dickey knows nothing of Applicant's family history, environment, financial responsibility, or fitness for position sought. However, Applicant made very favorable impression upon Mr. Dickey, who is of the opinion Applicant would prove entirely satisfactory.



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REFERENCE:

Bureau letter dated January 26, 1928, requesting Mr. Walter S. Dickey, owner and Publisher of the Kansas City Times, Kansas City, Missouri, be interviewed as to his knowledge of Applicant's character, reputation, ability, and qualifications for the position of Special Agent.

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- At Kansas City, Missouri. -

Agent located and interviewed Mr. Walter S. Dickey, who proved to be the owner and publisher of the Kansas City Journal and the Kansas City Post (not the Kansas City Times).

Mr. Dickey stated that for the past seven or eight years he had occasion to make frequent visits to Washington and on numerous occasions had called

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upon the Secretary of War; that about seven years ago he became first acquainted with Applicant who was employed as a Clerk in the office of the Secretary of War at the War Department, Washington, D.C., and whose duties were to receive visitors calling upon the Secretary of War. Mr. Dickey stated that at various times it was necessary for him to wait his turn before calling upon the Secretary of War and during these periods he had become very well acquainted with Applicant. He stated that Applicant had told him he was studying law; that Applicant appeared to be very efficient; conscientious; capable, and studious, and handled his work very well. Mr. Dickey stated that Applicant had the appearance of being a clean cut, energetic young man, and would doubtless prove satisfactory for the position sought. Mr. Dickey further explained to Agent that he had no knowledge whatever of Applicant's family, his home life, financial responsibility, or special qualifications for the position sought, and that Applicant to his knowledge had never been employed in this district nor had he been employed by Mr. Dickey.

✓ Mr. Dickey stated he was a very close friend of Mr. Weeks, the former Secretary of War, and was very well acquainted with the present Attorney General, whom he entertained in Kansas City at Mr. Dickey's home some months ago.

✓ It was learned by Agent that Mr. Dickey has been one of the leading citizens of Kansas City, Missouri, for forty years; that he is the head of a number of prominent enterprises, including the W.S. Dickey Clay Manufacturing Company of this city. He unhesitatingly recommends Applicant for the position sought. He assured Agent that his knowledge of Applicant was extremely limited, but his impressions of Applicant were very favorable. He was unable to furnish any further information of value pertaining to this Applicant.

There is no indication that Subject was ever employed in this district at any time.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN. NO FURTHER ACTION HERE.

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February 1, 1929

Mr. Newton D. Baker,
Baker, Hostetler & Sidle,
Counsellors at Law,
Union Trust Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 27, 1928 addressed to the Honorable Attorney General, regarding Mr. Clyde A. Tolson, who has applied for position as Special Agent in this Bureau. I am very glad to have your recommendation of Mr. Tolson.

I have placed your letter in Mr. Tolson's file for future consideration, should there be a possibility in the near future of appointing one with his training and experience. Just at the present time, however, there are no vacancies in this service.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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BAKER, HOSTETLER & SIDLO
COUNSELLORS AT LAW
UNION TRUST BUILDING
CLEVELAND

January 27, 1928

The Honorable the Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Attorney General:-

I am told by Clyde A. Tolson that he is an applicant for a position as special agent in the Department of Justice.

Mr. Tolson came into the War Department as a stenographer, I think, in 1920. He has been, as I understand it, the confidential stenographer of the Secretary of War ever since that time. The Secretary of War would undoubtedly be able to give you more recent information about him, but I am happy to say that during the time I had him under immediate observation, he was a boy of fine presence, serious attention to his duties, and excellent intelligence. My entire observation was favorable and I am glad to commend him to such consideration as your Department finds it possible to give.

Cordially yours,

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January 26, 1928

Mr. L. O. Schiller,
P. O. Box 413,
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Please institute an investigation in order to determine the following named applicant's character, reputation, ability and qualifications for the position sought.

Applicant: Elmer A. Tolson Position: Special Agent

Address: 2707 K Street N. W., Wash. D. C.

References and Personal History:

Hon. Newton D. Baker, former Secretary of War, Union Commerce
National Bank Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

I desire that you cause a very complete and thorough investigation to be made of this applicant, not confining yourself solely to the references given as experience shows they are as a rule favorable. You should report anything that your investigation may disclose further than the above references.

Washington

The office of origin on this investigation will be
and copy of your report should be forwarded thereto.

Your report should be forwarded to this office at the earliest practicable time.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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Mr. E. J. Connelley,
P. O. Drawer 1457,
St. Louis, Mo.

January 26, 1928

Dear Sir:

Please institute an investigation in order to determine the following named applicant's character, reputation, ability and qualifications for the position sought.

Applicant: George A. Tolson

Position: Special Agent

Address: 2700 H Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

References and Personal History:

Mr. Ed. B. Clements, Republican National Committeeman, the American Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri.

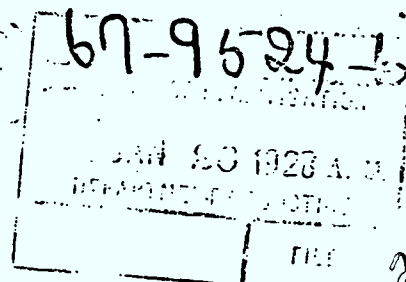
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Very truly yours,

Director.



WET:SPB

January 25, 1923

Mr. J. E. Ryliiss,
426 Lathrop Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Please institute an investigation in order to determine the following named applicant's character, reputation, ability and qualifications for the position sought.

Applicant: L. Tolson Position: Special Agent
1700 H St. N. W., Wash. D. C.

Address:

References and Personal History:

Mr. Walter S. Hickey, Owner & Publisher, Kansas City Times,
Kansas City, Missouri.

I desire that you cause a very complete and thorough investigation to be made of this applicant, not confining yourself solely to the references given as experience shows they are as a rule favorable. You should report anything that your investigation may disclose further than the above references.

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Very truly yours,

Director.

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WFT:SPB

January 26, 1923

Mr. H. L. Scott,
P. O. Box 1044,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Please institute an investigation in order to determine the following named applicant's character, reputation, ability and qualifications for the position sought.

Applicant: Clyde S. Tolson

Position: Special Agent

Address: 1733 N. St. N. W., Wash. D. C.

References and Personal History:

Hon. Harford MacNider, former Assistant Secretary of War, Mason City, Iowa.

Applicant states he graduated Business College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa in 1918.

Legal residence:- 524 South 12th St. East, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

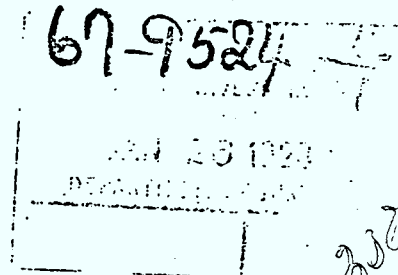
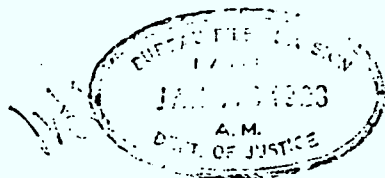
I desire that you cause a very complete and thorough investigation to be made of this applicant, not confining yourself solely to the references given as experience shows they are as a rule favorable. You should report anything that your investigation may disclose further than the above references.

The office of origin on this investigation will be Washington
and copy of your report should be forwarded thereto.

Your report should be forwarded to this office at the earliest practicable time.

Very truly yours,

Director.



From
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Acknowledge & order an investigation.

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The Secretary of War, Mr. Davis need not be interviewed as he is writing a letter relative to the applicant.

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January 26, 1926

Mr. J. Keith,
Hurley-Wright Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please institute an investigation in order to determine the following named applicant's character, reputation, ability and qualifications for the position sought.

Applicant: Clyde A. Nelson

Position: Special Agent

Address: 1703 N. Street N. W., Wash. D. C.

References and Personal History:

Major General John A. Hall, Judge Advocate General, U. S. Army, Wash. DC
Mr. John W. Barton, Executive Asst. to Secretary of War, War Department.
Hon. Wm. F. Callahan, Republican National Committeeman, Union Trust Bldg.
Wash. D. C.

Applicant states he received an A.B. degree from George Washington University, Wash. D. C., in 1925 and an M.A. degree from there in October 1927, and at present registered for an M.B. degree at George Washington.

Applicant states he was appointed stenographer in War Dept., July 12, 1918; during latter part of 1918 was Chief Clerk, Committee on Education & Special Training, Office Chief of Staff; from 1919 to Nov. 1920, Correspondence Clerk, The Adjutant General's Office, and since Nov. 1920 and at present confidential clerk to Secretaries of War, Newton D. Baker, John W. Weeks, and Dwight P. Davis.

Applicant is 27 years of age.

Office of Origin: Washington

Auxiliary Investigations Ordered: Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis, Columbus

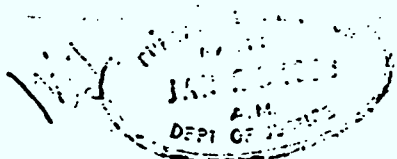
I desire that you cause a very complete and thorough investigation to be made in the community in which applicant has been a resident and has probably had business and social dealings not confining yourself solely to the references given as experience shows that they are as a rule favorable, thus you will be expected to check carefully the applicant's past life, standing and reputation in all previous business associations as listed above or such as your investigation may disclose.

You should arrange to have a talk with applicant, letting me have an expression of your opinion on his general bearing, but no encouragement as to possible appointment should be offered him.

Your report should be forwarded to this office at the earliest practicable time.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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January 25, 1928

Mr. Clyde A. Tolson,
1733 N Street N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Receipt of your application for appointment
to the position of Special Agent or Special Accountant
in the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice,
is hereby acknowledged and same has been placed on
file for future reference, there being no vacancies
at the present time in the position sought.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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February 2, 1928.

Hon. Dwight F. Davis,
Secretary of War,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Davis:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 25th ultimo, endorsing Mr. Clyde A. Tolson, your private clerk, who has applied for a position as Special Agent in this Bureau.

A special investigation has been ordered of Mr. Tolson's application, and as soon as it is completed, providing the result thereof is favorable, his name will be placed upon the eligible list for consideration when a vacancy occurs. I can assure you that this case will receive my personal attention.

With expressions of my best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON

January 25, 1928.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Mr. Clyde A. Tolson, a clerk in my private office, has made application for a position as Special Agent in the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice. Mr. Tolson has been employed in the War Department for several years and during that time he has been attending evening classes at George Washington University and has received an A. B. degree and an L.L. B. degree. His work in the War Department has always been entirely satisfactory and he is of good character. Naturally he is anxious to secure a position which will give him experience along legal lines and I will personally appreciate anything you may be able to do to assist him in getting located.

Sincerely yours,

Dwight D. Davis
Secretary of War.

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

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TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: May 19, 1947

FROM : H. H. CLEGG

SUBJECT:

CLYDE TOLSON

Mr. Tolson	✓
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Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
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I received a telephone call this afternoon from Mr. Lester Smith, Executive Secretary of George Washington University Alumni Association in which he said that based upon the recommendation which I made more than two years ago the Alumni Association had voted to bestow the Alumni Achievement Award on Mr. Tolson at their May graduation this year. He is now having the official notification to Mr. Tolson typed and is sending it down this afternoon by messenger. Secretary Snyder will be presented an Honorary Degree and President Truman may be present at the graduation on May 28, 1947.

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Six Alumni Win GWU Awards

Six George Washington University graduates will receive 1947 Achievement Awards of the University's Alumni Association, it was learned today.

Alumni to be honored for distinction in various fields are: Phyllis H. Grouard, engineering; Dr. Martha Bob Lucas, education; Miss Helen Newman, law libraries; Rudolph Emil Schenfel, diplomatic service; Clyde A. Tolson, public service, and Sterling V. Meade, dental surgery.

Awards will be presented by GAA president, Dr. Alexander Wetmore, at commencement exercises, 8 p. m., Wednesday, in Constitution Hall.

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April 15, 1947

Mr. Clyde Tolson
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Clyde:

It is a pleasure indeed to send you under
separate cover an autographed copy of "The Story of the
FBI."

I appreciated the interest you took in this
project and your assistance in making it such a worthwhile
presentation of our activities.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely,

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Mr. Douglas W. McGregor
Assistant to the Attorney General
Director, FBI

February 10, 1947

Position Entitled, "Assistant to the Director"

For your information, the title of the position presently occupied by Clyde A. Tolson is being changed from "Assistant to the Director", to "Associate Director."

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

July 2, 1946.

CIRCULAR NO. 3959

TO ALL EMPLOYEES:

Subject: Affidavit regarding membership in organizations which
assert the right to strike against the Government.

Appropriation bills for the fiscal year 1947 provide that no part of the appropriation shall be used to pay the salary or wages of any person who engages in a strike against the Government of the United States or who is a member of an organization of Government employees that asserts the right to strike against the Government of the United States. It is provided that for the purpose of this legislation an affidavit shall be considered prima facie evidence that the person making the affidavit has not contrary to the provisions of this law engaged in a strike against the Government of the United States and is not a member of an organization of Government employees that asserts the right to strike against the Government of the United States.

All employees must execute the affidavit on the other side of this circular. When you have signed the affidavit it should be returned promptly to your immediate supervisor who will forward it through regular channels (for noting against payroll records) to the Administrative Assistant to the Attorney General.

Certifying Officers shall not release salary checks until this affidavit has been prepared and forwarded.



S. A. ANDRETTA
Administrative Assistant
to the Attorney General

AFFIDAVIT

STRIKING AGAINST THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Department of Justice
(Dept. or Estab.)

Federal Bureau of Investigation
(Bureau or Office)

Washington, D. C.
(Place of Employment)

I, Clyde A. Tolson, do hereby swear (or affirm) that I am not engaged in any strike against the Government of the United States and that I will not so engage while an employee of the Government of the United States; that I am not a member of an organization of Government employees that asserts the right to strike against the Government of the United States, and that I will not while a Government employee become a member of such an organization.

Clyde A. Tolson
(Signature of employee or appointee)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of July, 1946
at Washington, District of Columbia, State of D.C.

Lois R. Lane
(Signature of Officer)

Notary Public
(Title)

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(Not needed where none available)

NOTE: Any officer or employee of a department or establishment who is designated in writing by the head thereof to administer oaths in connection with employment as required by law is authorized to administer the affidavit required incidental to the foregoing and such affidavit must be administered without charge or fee and has the same force and effect as affidavits administered by officers having seals.

STATUTORY PENALTY CLAUSE: "Any person who engages in a strike against the Government of the United States, or who is a member of an organization of Government employees that asserts the right to strike against the Government of the United States ***and accepts employment the salary or wages for which are paid from any appropriation contained in this Act shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both: Provided further, that the above penalty clause shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other provision of existing law."

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: October 4, 1946

FROM : SAC, San Francisco

ATTENTION: Mr. TOLSON

SUBJECT : RESERVATIONS UNITED AIR LINES -
Mr HOOVER and Mr. TOLSON

There is enclosed herewith United Air Line Tickets Numbers 510402 and 510401 covering flights from San Francisco to Washington, D. C., which were obtained for the Director and Mr. TOLSON. In addition there are enclosed GTPs numbers J469001 and J 469,002 which were issued for above tickets. The reservations were cancelled.

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REPORT OF EFFICIENCY RATING

ADMINISTRATIVE-UNOFFICIAL ()
OFFICIAL:
REGULAR () SPECIAL ()
PROBATIONAL or TRIAL PERIOD ()

As of 3/31/46 based on performance during period from 4/1/45 to 3/31/46

C. A. Tolson Asst. to the Dir., Grade CAF - 15
(Name of employee) (Title of position, service, and grade)

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(Organization—Indicate bureau, division, section, unit, field station)

ON LINES BELOW MARK EMPLOYEE ✓ if adequate - if weak + if outstanding	1. Study the instructions in the Rating Official's Guide, C. S. C. Form No. 3823A. 2. Underline the elements which are especially important in the position. 3. Rate only on elements pertinent to the position. a. Do not rate on elements in <i>italics</i> except for employees in administrative, supervisory, or planning positions. b. Rate administrative, supervisory, and planning functions on elements in <i>italics</i> .	CHECK ONE: Administrative, supervisory, or planning <input type="checkbox"/> All others <input type="checkbox"/>
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STATE ANY OTHER ELEMENTS CONSIDERED

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<p>STANDARD Deviations must be explained on reverse side of this form</p> <p>Plus marks on all underlined elements, and no minus marks..... Plus marks on at least half of the underlined elements, and no minus marks..... Check marks or better on a majority of underlined elements, and any minus marks overcompensated by plus marks..... Check marks or better on a majority of underlined elements, and minus marks not overcompensated by plus marks..... Minus marks on at least half of the underlined elements.....</p>	<p>Adjective rating</p> <p>Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Very good <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Unsatisfactory <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Adjective rating</p> <p>Rating official <u>Excellent</u> Reviewing official <u>22</u></p>
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Rated by [Signature] (Signature of rating official) (Title) 3/31/46 (Date)

Reviewed by [Signature] (Signature of reviewing official) (Title) 7-1-46 (Date)

Rating approved by efficiency rating committee (Date) Report to employee (Adjective rating)

DEFERMENT PERSONNEL DATA

1. Name of Department, Bureau or Agency. Federal Bureau of Investigation.
2. Registrant's name. CLYDE TOLSON
3. Address. Washington Headquarters
4. Age. 42
5. Marital status; if married, give date. Single
6. Title of Position. Special Agent, Assistant to the Director
7. Date of Appointment. 4-2-28 Departmental Service X Field Service
8. Vocation. Lawyer
9. Is vocation used in present position. Yes
10. Annual Salary - as of date of deferment. \$17-15
11. Draft Classification. Deferment requested 9-15-42
12. Local Board Number and Location. #1, Washington, D. C.
13. Order Number. 11678
14. By whom was deferment requested. John Edgar Hoover, Director.
Federal Bureau of Investigation.
15. Reason given for deferment; if indispensability claimed. Why? (See attachment)
16. Length of deferment. Unknown
17. How many renewals of deferment. One
18. What attempts at replacement have been made. (See Attachment)

Additional General Information

(See attached statement)

Outline your organization's procedure in processing deferment requests

Total Personnel

Total Male

Total Female

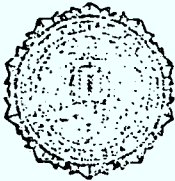
Total Male ages 18 to 38

Total deferred as of February 28, 1943

Total former employees now in Armed Service

Address: H. Ralph Burton, General Counsel, #519 Old House Office Building

SUBMITTED TO COSTELLO COMMISSION
April, 1943



United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

January 21, 1946



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who had contributed to this fund prior to February 23, 1946, and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - ~~10000-0000~~) the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

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Name ESTATE Address _____
Relationship _____ Dated _____

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary under the Chas. S. Ross Fund providing \$1500-death benefit to beneficiary of agents killed in line of duty.

Name ESTATE Address _____
Relationship _____ Dated _____

Very truly yours, *(Signature)*

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December 15, 1945

Mr. Clyde Tolson
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tolson:

I should like to take this opportunity to extend to you, and through you to my associates in the Bureau, my every good wish for the Festive Season. It is my earnest hope that this Christmas will bring you much happiness and joy.

With the hard fought Victory
behind us, we can all look forward to a
New Year rich in the blessings of peace.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

BLS: eb

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
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Miss Gandy

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

OMAHA, NEBRASKA

July 31, 1945

DIRECTOR, FBI

Personal and
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Re: Clyde A. Tolson,
Assistant to the Director. ✓

Dear Sir:-

During the consolidation of files in the Omaha Office, the enclosed investigative file on Mr. Clyde A. Tolson was located.

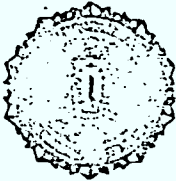
Inasmuch as it is believed the Bureau would desire that this file be retained in Washington, it is being transmitted herewith.

Very truly yours,

Kenneth Logan
KENNETH LOGAN,
Special Agent in Charge

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Enclosure 1





**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. _____

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Relationship _____ Dated _____

Very truly yours,

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Ceyde A. Talbot
Special Agent

W. J. Sullivan
12/15/45
W. J. Sullivan

Notice of right to appeal

Appeal from classification by local board must be made within 10 days after the mailing of this notice. You may file a written notice of appeal with the local board, or you may go to the office of the local board and sign appeal form on back of Selective Service Questionnaire (Form 40).

Within the same 10-day period you may file a written request for personal appearance before the local board. If this is done, the time in which you may appeal is extended to 10 days from the date of mailing of a new Notice of Classification (Form 57) after such personal appearance.

If you are the first person to take an appeal and such appeal is based on occupational grounds, you may, in accordance with Selective Service regulations, request transfer of the case to the board of appeal having jurisdiction over the area where you work.

If an appeal has been taken and you are classified by the board of appeal in either Class I-A, I-A-O, or IV-E, and one or more members of the board of appeal dissented from such classification, you may file appeal to the President with your local board within 10 days after the mailing of notice of such classification.

For advice, see your Government appeal agent.

The law requires you: (1) To keep in touch with your local board; (2) to notify it of any change of address; (3) to notify it of any fact which might change your classification; (4) to comply with the instructions on the notice of classification part of this form.

GPO 16-31524-2

NOTICE OF CLASSIFICATION App. not Req.

Clyde Anderson Johnson

(First name)

(Middle name)

(Last name)

Order No. 11676 has been classified in Class

(Until _____, 19____)

(Insert date for Class II-A and II-B only)

by ☒ Local Board.

☐ Board of Appeal (by vote of _____ to _____).

☐ President.

2/14/ 1945

(Date of mailing)

(Member of local board)

The law requires you, subject to heavy penalty for violation, to have this notice, in addition to your Registration Certificate (Form 2), in your personal possession at all times—to exhibit it upon request to authorized officials—to surrender it, upon entering the armed forces, to your commanding officer. DSS Form 57. (Rev. 3-22-42)

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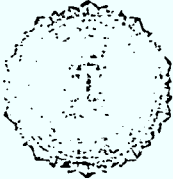
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

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*W. J. [unclear]
JAN 20 1945
C. A. Falsch
Special Agent*

December 25, 1944

Mr. Clyde A. Tolson
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tolson:

Through you, I want to extend Yuletide greetings to my associates in the Bureau. May Christmas bring to all real cause for happiness, and may it also bring inspiration to redouble our contribution to the joint efforts of the decent peoples of the earth to achieve peace and good will among men and nations.

I hope that a victorious New Year may bring more near to fulfillment each person's normal desires and that with victory each will find full recompense in health and satisfaction.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

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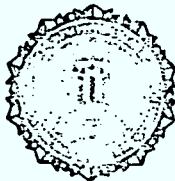
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**



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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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Relationship _____ Dated _____

Very truly yours,

Coyne A. Tolson
Special Agent

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REPORT OF EFFICIENCY RATING

ADMINISTRATIVE-UNOFFICIAL ()
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PROBATIONAL or TRIAL PERIOD ()

As of March 31, 1944 based on performance during period from April 1, 1943 to March 31, 1944

C. A. Tolson Assistant to the Director CAF-15 gaso
(Name of employee) (Title of position, service, and grade)

Federal Bureau of Investigation

(Organization—Indicate bureau, division, section, unit, field station)

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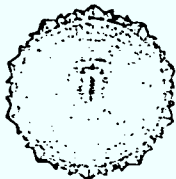
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STANDARD
Deviations must be explained on reverse side of this form:

	Adjective rating	Adjective rating
Plus marks on all underlined elements, and no minus marks.....	Excellent	Rating official <u>36</u> <u>MAY 26 1944</u>
Plus marks on at least half of the underlined elements, and no minus marks.....	Very good	
Check marks or better on a majority of underlined elements, and any minus marks overcompensated by plus marks.....	Good	Reviewing official _____
Check marks or better on a majority of underlined elements, and minus marks not overcompensated by plus marks.....	Fair	
Minus marks on at least half of the underlined elements.....	Unsatisfactory	

Rated by J. E. Shuman Director March 31, 1944
(Signature of rating official) (Title) (Date)
Reviewed by J. R. [unclear] Federal Bureau of Investigation mbt
(Signature of reviewing official) (Title) (Date)
Rating approved by efficiency rating committee _____ Report to employee _____
(Date) (Adjective rating)



**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**



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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who had contributed to this fund subsequent to April 15, 1944, and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY ORDER) the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

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Upon the death of any Special Agent, the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$10,000.

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary:

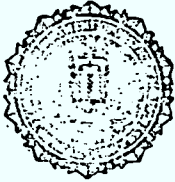
Name _____ Address _____
Relationship Estate - Dated March 13, 1944

Very truly yours,

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Ceyde A. Tolson
Special Agent

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. _____

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who has contributed to this fund subsequent to December 18, 1943, and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY ORDER) the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

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The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary:

Name Estate Address _____
Relationship _____ Dated _____

Very truly yours,

Clyde A. Tolson
Special Agent

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October, 12, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

In regard to the attached list of inspections which I have ordered I desire that there be added thereto an inspection by you of all parts of the Bureau, both in the main building and the Annex once each month.

I desire further that you assume the responsibility of seeing that the inspections which I have ordered are made, and that the reports upon the same are promptly submitted to you, and in turn to me at the end of each month a memorandum covering the fact that these have been complied with and any impressions gained therefrom, good or bad.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director

Attachment

CK:MAH:MMH

October 21, 1943

Mr. Clyde A. Tolson
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Clyde:

Since April 2, 1929, you have taken an important part in moulding the FBI into its present success as a law enforcement organization. It is both a pleasure and an honor to have the opportunity of presenting you this Ten Year Service Key.

Words are mere man-given symbols for thoughts and feelings, and they are grossly insufficient to express the thoughts in my mind and the feelings in my heart that I have for you. But I did want you to know that I realize and appreciate full well the decided influence you have exerted over the Bureau and its policies during the past fifteen years, which has played a large part in bringing it through this period of tremendous expansion and growth with flying colors. You have devoted yourself to the Bureau, and just as its life has been your life, so is its success your success. No one knows better than I the invaluable assistance you have been to the Bureau and to me personally as its Director. You have indeed been a true friend as well as a loyal associate.

I want you to accept this key with my every thought of deepest appreciation, gratitude, and thanks. I hope I will always have you beside me.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Letter personally
handed Mr.
Tolson by
Director

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REPORT OF EFFICIENCY RATING

Classification Symbols		
CAF	15	8000
(Service)	(Grade)	(Class)

As of 3-31-43 based on performance during period from 4-1-42 to 3-31-43

C. A. Tolson Asst. to the Director FBI
(Name of employee) (Title of position) (Bureau)

(Division) (Section) (Subsection or unit) (Field office)

ON LINES BELOW MARK EMPLOYEE	1. Underline the elements which are especially important in the position. 2. Rate only on elements pertinent to the position. a. Do not rate on elements in <i>italics</i> except for employees in administrative, supervisory, or planning positions. b. Rate administrative, supervisory, and planning employees on all elements pertinent to the position whether in <i>italics</i> or not. 3. Before rating, become thoroughly familiar with instructions in the rating manual.	CHECK ONE: Administrative, supervisory, or planning <input type="checkbox"/> All others <input type="checkbox"/>
✓ if adequate		
— if weak		
+ if outstanding		

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| ----- (1) Maintenance of equipment, tools, instruments. | ----- (21) Effectiveness in planning broad programs. |
| ----- (2) Mechanical skill. | ----- (22) Effectiveness in adapting the work program to broader or related programs. |
| ----- (3) Skill in the application of techniques and procedures. | ----- (23) Effectiveness in devising procedures. |
| ----- (4) Presentability of work (appropriateness of arrangement and appearance of work). | ----- (24) Effectiveness in laying out work and establishing standards of performance for subordinates. |
| ----- (5) Attention to broad phases of assignments. | ----- (25) Effectiveness in directing, reviewing, and checking the work of subordinates. |
| ----- (6) Attention to pertinent detail. | ----- (26) Effectiveness in instructing, training, and developing subordinates in the work. |
| ----- (7) Accuracy of operations. | ----- (27) Effectiveness in promoting high working morale. |
| ----- (8) Accuracy of final results. | ----- (28) Effectiveness in determining space, personnel, and equipment needs. |
| ----- (9) Accuracy of judgments or decisions. | ----- (29) Effectiveness in setting and obtaining adherence to time limits and deadlines. |
| ----- (10) Effectiveness in presenting ideas or facts. | ----- (30) Ability to make decisions. |
| ----- (11) Industry. | ----- (31) Effectiveness in delegating clearly defined authority to act. |
| ----- (12) Rate of progress on or completion of assignments. | |
| ----- (13) Amount of acceptable work produced. (Is mark based on production records? -----) (Yes or no) | |
| ----- (14) Ability to organize his work. | |
| ----- (15) Effectiveness in meeting and dealing with others. | |
| ----- (16) Cooperativeness. | |
| ----- (17) Initiative. | |
| ----- (18) Resourcefulness. | |
| ----- (19) Dependability. | |
| ----- (20) Physical fitness for the work. | |

STATE ANY OTHER ELEMENTS CONSIDERED

- (A) 24
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STANDARD		Adjective rating	Numerical rating
Deviations must be explained on reverse side of this form			
All underlined elements marked plus, and no element marked minus	Adjective rating: Excellent ✓	Numerical rating: 1	Rating official: <u>E</u>
A majority of underlined elements marked plus, and no element marked minus	Very good	2 or 3	
All underlined elements marked at least with a check, and minus marks fully compensated by plus marks, or a majority of underlined elements marked at least with a check, and minus marks on underlined elements over-compensated by plus marks on underlined elements	Good	4, 5, or 6	Reviewing official: _____
A majority of underlined elements marked at least with a check, and minus marks not fully compensated by plus marks	Fair	7 or 8	
A majority of underlined elements marked minus	Unsatisfactory	9	

On the whole, do you consider the conduct of this employee to be satisfactory? yes (Yes or no) (See back of form)

Rated by [Signature] (Signature of rating official) (Title) (Date) 7

Reviewed by [Signature] (Signature of reviewing official) (Title) (Date)

Rating approved by efficiency rating committee _____ (Date) Report to employee _____ (Adjective rating) (Numerical rating)

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

7-27/43

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who has contributed to this fund subsequent to August 31, 1943, and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY ORDER) the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

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The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary:

Name Estate Address _____
Relationship _____ Dated July 27, 1943

Very truly yours,

Ceyde A. Tolson
Special Agent

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

May 11, 1943

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director, FBI

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are memorandum copies of two Government Transportation Requests, which were issued by Special Agent Lawrence J. Quinn on May 10, 1943, for travel made by Director John Edgar Hoover and Assistant to the Director Clyde Tolson from New York City to Washington, D. C. on May 11, 1943.

J-136,386

2 First Class Fares

Value - \$14.72

J-136,387

Drawing Room (2 persons)

Value - \$ 4.50

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge

1 encl.
Special Delivery

February 14, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
BY [Signature]

I am very much concerned about the fact that mail of an important character is not personally read by Mr. Tolson and Mr. Tamm. I am discovering that much of the mail that comes to my desk dealing very definitely with matters of policy and critical situations is only initialed and not read. This practice must be changed. Memoranda that are sent to the Attorney General; Departmental officials; Members of Congress; and High Government officials in other Departments, together with memoranda dealing definitely with policies and critical situations must be read by the two assistants to the Director before being initialed. I well appreciate the great volume of work that is passing through, but I must insist that not only should the head of a division read and initial mail, but that the assistants to the Director likewise read and initial the mail if it needs their approval, particularly that mail which is in the categories I have mentioned above.

Very truly yours

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Gurnea _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Holloman _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

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NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Appeal from classification by local board or board of appeal must be made by signing appeal form on back of Selective Service questionnaire (Form 40) at office of local board, or by filing written notice of appeal, within 10 days after the mailing of this notice.

Before appeal, a registrant may file a written request for appearance within the same 10-day period; and if he does so, the local board will fix a day and notify him to appear personally before the local board. If this is done, the time to appeal is extended to 10 days from the date of mailing of the new Notice of Classification (Form 57) after such appearance.

There is a right in certain dependency cases of appeal from appeal board decision to the President; see Selective Service Regulations. For advice, see your Government appeal agent.

- The law requires you—
1. To keep in touch with your local board.
 2. To notify it of any change of address.
 3. To notify it of any fact which might change your classification.
 4. To comply with the instructions on the notice of classification part of this form.

GPO 16-31524-1

NOTICE OF CLASSIFICATION
Clyde Anderson

App. not Req.

Tolson

Order No. 11,676 has been classified in Class II-B(E)

(Until Sept. 22nd, 1943, 19____)

by ☒ Local Board.
☐ Board of Appeal (by vote of _____ to _____).
☐ President.

Mar. 23rd, 1943, 19____

The law requires you, subject to heavy penalty for violation, to have this notice, in addition to your Registration Certificate (Form 2), in your personal possession at all times—to exhibit it upon request to authorized officials—to surrender it, upon entering the armed forces, to your commanding officer.

DSS Form 57. (Rev. 11-16-42)

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March 5, 1943

THE DIRECTOR

As you know, we have found numerous instances in the past several weeks when mail and file material was held in Supervisors' offices for an undue period of time without justification for keeping such matter from the Files Section. This has occasioned a tremendous amount of work in files in connection with locating material needed to bring the files up to date.

I would like to suggest that Inspector Hendon be designated, with such supervisory assistance as he may need, to make a check of the desks of all Supervisors at the Seat of Government in order to determine whether any material is being held for an undue period of time without justification. If you approve, I will ask Mr. Hendon to make this survey by Divisions in numerical order. In other words, from Division One, the Identification Division, to Division Seven, the Technical Laboratory, in numerical sequence.

I think it highly desirable that every step be taken to insure that material not be kept out of the files, in order to facilitate the handling of name searches and the providing of proper searches by the Files Section to Seat of Government officials and supervisors at all times.

Clyde Tolson

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. McGuire _____
Mr. Mumford _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

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March 8, 1943

Mr. F. G. Addison, Jr., Chairman
Local Board Number 1
Selective Service System
Nightrider School
2227 M Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

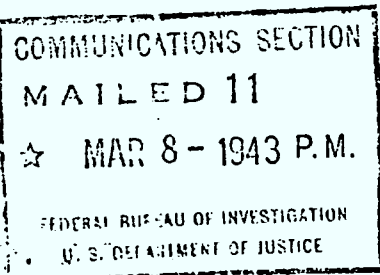
Dear Mr. Addison:

Reference is made to the Selective Service status of Mr. Clyde Tolson, who is registered at your Board under Order Number 11676. Your files will disclose that under date of September 15, 1942, D.S.S. Form 42-A was furnished to your Board requesting that he be granted occupational deferment.

Inasmuch as approximately six months have elapsed since my original request for deferment, I wanted you to know that Mr. Tolson is still employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as Assistant to the Director and acts as Director of the FBI in my absence. He is my immediate Assistant, is performing work of extreme importance to the war effort and without any doubt can and should be considered a highly necessary man in his present assignment. It would be impossible to replace him and for this reason, I desire to request that additional deferment be granted in this case.

Your previous cooperation in this matter is in-
deed appreciated. If I can be of assistance to you in this
or any other matter of mutual interest, please do not hesi-
tate to call upon me.

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. McGuire _____
Mr. Mumford _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____



Sincerely yours,
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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February 23, 1943

Mr. Clyde A. Tolson
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your contribution of
Mr. Tolson _____ \$5.00 to the fund to be paid to the designated beneficiary of any
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____ participating Special Agent of the Bureau who dies, from any cause
Mr. Clegg _____ except self-destruction, while employed as a Special Agent. Pay-
Mr. Glavin _____ ment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent
Mr. Ladd _____ has been a member of the fund for two years.
Mr. Nichols _____

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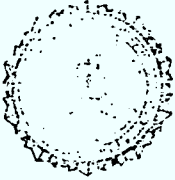
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who has contributed to this fund subsequent to January 15, 1943, and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY ORDER) the sum of five dollars (\$5), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner: .

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The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary:

Name E. J. [illegible] Address: _____
Relationship _____ Dated 2/3/43

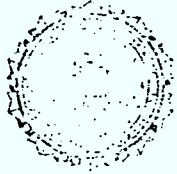
Very truly yours,



Clyde A. Tolson
Special Agent

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

January 4, 1943

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Mr. Clyde A. Tolson
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tolson:

I want to express to you, both officially and personally, my commendation for the very excellent and efficient services which you rendered at Chicago upon the Touhy case.

You were in charge of a particularly important and extremely dangerous detail and your handling of the same contributed materially to the successful consummation of the case.

The courage and fearlessness displayed by you were far beyond the ordinary call of duty.

I wanted you to know that such actions bring great credit to the reputation of the Bureau.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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January 4, 1943

Mr. Clyde A. Tolson
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tolson:

I want to express to you, both officially and personally, my commendation for the very excellent and efficient services which you rendered at Chicago upon the Tenby case.

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The courage and fearlessness displayed by you were far beyond the ordinary call of duty.

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Sincerely,

Tolson _____
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CLYDE A. TOLSON

Mr. Tolson was born near Laredo, Missouri, on May 22, 1900. He was graduated from the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Business College, and in 1925 received an A.B. Degree from George Washington University. He was granted an LL.B. Degree from George Washington University in 1927, and was admitted to the District of Columbia Bar in 1928. Mr. Tolson was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court in 1935. He is a Mason and is a member of the following organizations: International Association of Chiefs of Police; International Association for Identification; Advisory Board, International World Police; Honorary Member, Iowa Association of Chiefs of Police, Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association of Oklahoma, and Maryland Police Chiefs Association.

Mr. Tolson served as Confidential Secretary to Secretaries of War Newton D. Baker, John W. Weeks and Dwight F. Davis from 1919 to 1923. He was appointed a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on April 2, 1928, and became an Assistant Director of the FBI in December, 1930. Mr. Tolson was made an Assistant to the Director in 1933.

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September 24, 1942

Mr. Clyde A. Tolson
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Tolson _____ This will acknowledge the receipt of your contribution of
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____ \$5.00 to the fund to be paid to the designated beneficiary of any
Mr. Clegg _____ participating Special Agent of the Bureau who dies, from any cause
Mr. Glavin _____ except self-destruction, while employed as a Special Agent. Pay-
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Mr. Nichols _____ has been a member of the fund for two years.
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Kramer _____
Mr. McGuire _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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SEP 24 1942 P.M.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

9-10-42

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who has contributed to this fund subsequent to September 4, 1942, and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY ORDER) the sum of five dollars (\$5), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. Payment will be made for death by self-destruction after the Agent has been a member of the fund for two years. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

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The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary:

Name Estate Address _____
Relationship _____ Dated _____

Very truly yours,



Ceyde A. Tolson
Special Agent

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NOTICE OF CLASSIFICATION

Registrant Clyde Anderson Tolson Order No. 11,676

has been classified in Class II B (Until April 9, 1943)
by ☒ Local Board (Insert Date for Class II-A and II-B only)

☐ Board of Appeal (by vote of _____ to _____)

☐ President

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(Date of mailing)

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[Signature]
Member of Local Board.

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Appeal from classification by local board or board of appeal must be made by signing appeal form on back of questionnaire and filing it with your local board by filing written notice of appeal, within ten days after the mailing of this notice. Thereafter, a registrant may file a written request for appearance within the same ten-day period; and, if he desires, the local board will fix a day and notify him to appear personally before the local board; if this is done, the time to appeal is extended to ten days beyond the day set by the local board for such appearance.

There is a time in certain dependency cases, or appeal from appeal board decision to the President; see Selective Service Regulations.

The law requires you—To keep in touch with your local board. To notify it of any change of address. To notify it of any fact which might change classification.

D. S. S. Form 57 (Rev. 4-13-42)

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U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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September 15, 1942

Mr. F. G. Addison, Jr.
Chairman
Local Board Number 1
Selective Service System
2227 H Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Addison:

Reference is made to the Selective Service case of Mr. Clyde A. Tolson, who is duly registered at your board as Order Number 11,676.

Mr. Tolson is the Assistant to the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He has administrative and executive control over all matters coming under the jurisdiction of this Bureau. In connection with this matter, I am transmitting herewith, D.S.S. Form 42-A executed by me under date of September 15, 1942, requesting that occupational deferment in Class II-B be granted to him.

I want you to know that it is my desire to cooperate with your Board in every possible way and, of course, I shall keep you promptly advised should there be any change whatsoever in the occupational status of this registrant with this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Kramer _____
Mr. McGuire _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

Enclosure

Registered
Return Receipt Requested

cc: Mr. COOPERATIONS SECTION

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AFFIDAVIT TO SUPPORT CLAIM FOR OCCUPATIONAL DEFERMENT

INSTRUCTIONS: This form is to be filled out by an employer or other person who has knowledge of the registrant's activity in the community. It is necessary to state the nature of the activity and the person's position in the community. It is also necessary to state the person's position in the community and the nature of the activity. The form is to be filled out by an employer or other person who has knowledge of the registrant's activity in the community. It is necessary to state the nature of the activity and the person's position in the community. It is also necessary to state the person's position in the community and the nature of the activity.

IDENTIFICATION OF REGISTRANT:

Name of Registrant: CHARLES W. ROBINSON Date of Birth: 11-15-1927
 Social Security Number: 1676

INDUSTRY, BUSINESS OR SERVICE IN WHICH REGISTRANT IS ENGAGED:

1. Name of the organization: Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice
 2. Position of Registrant: See Attachment

3. Is the activity seasonal? No
 4. Is the activity necessary to the health, safety or interest of the community or the Nation? Yes (See Attachment)
 5. Under 48 USC 22, the Bureau has investigative jurisdiction over violations pertaining to the internal security of the United States.

6. Is the activity necessary to the health, safety or interest of the community or the Nation? Yes (See Attachment)

7. Is the activity necessary to the health, safety or interest of the community or the Nation? Yes (See Attachment)

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10. Is the activity necessary to the health, safety or interest of the community or the Nation? Yes (See Attachment)

11. Is the activity necessary to the health, safety or interest of the community or the Nation? Yes (See Attachment)

12. Is the activity necessary to the health, safety or interest of the community or the Nation? Yes (See Attachment)

1) Name of registrant

Number of employees

2) Title of registrant

3) Number of employees

C. OCCUPATION OF REGISTRANT:

1) Title of the registrant as shown on Federal Bureau of Investigation

2) Date of the last pay period ending 10/12/28

3) Annual salary \$1000 annual (CONFIDENTIAL)

4) Is the registrant:
☐ Regular employee ☐ Other (specify)
☐ Seasonal employee
☐ Temporary or casual employee

5) Is the registrant ailing?

6) Is the registrant:
☐ Married ☐ Single
☐ Divorced ☐ Widowed

7) Is the registrant a member of any organization?

8) Is the registrant a member of any union?

9) Is the registrant a member of any club?

10) Is the registrant a member of any other organization?

11) Do you have a COMPLETE and FULL description of the duties of the registrant's employment during the past 12 months? See Attachments B, 2 and D, 5, a.

12) Do you have a COMPLETE and FULL description of the duties of the registrant's employment during the past 12 months? See Attachment B, 2.

13) Do you have a COMPLETE and FULL description of the duties of the registrant's employment during the past 12 months? See Attachment B, 2.

D. DATA RELATIVE TO NECESSITY OF THE REGISTRANT:

1) See last page of this form for definitions of necessary man and regulations regarding informant.

2) Have you had difficulty in recruiting workers with the registrant's qualifications or skill? (YES) (No) Explain action taken and results. See Attachment B.

3) Do you anticipate that you would have difficulty in recruiting workers with the registrant's qualifications or skill now or in the future? (YES) (No) Explain grounds for your anticipation. See Attachment B, 2.

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2. Name of Registrant

3. Signature of Registrant

4. Signature of Director

5. Date of Expiration of Deferment

6. Date of Expiration of Deferment

7. Date of Expiration of Deferment

8. Date of Expiration of Deferment

9. Date of Expiration of Deferment

10. DATE REQUIRED BY THIS FORM MAY BE ADMINISTERED BY

- (1) Any civil officer authorized to administer oaths generally.
- (2) Any commissioned officer of the land or naval forces assigned for duty with the Selective Service System.
- (3) Any member or clerk of a local board or board of appeal.
- (4) Any government appeal agent or associate government appeal agent.
- (5) Any member or clerk of a board of military board for registrants.
- (6) Any postmaster, acting postmaster or assistant postmaster.
- (7) No fee shall be charged by any person for administering the oath required on this form.

11. DEFERMENT FROM SELECTIVE SERVICE REGULATIONS

11.1 Class II-A (When necessary in his civilian activity.) (a) Any Class II-A shall be placed any registrant found to be a necessary man in any industry, business, employment, agricultural pursuit, governmental service, or any other service or endeavor for the maintenance of the national health, safety or interest. (b) Class II-A deferments shall be for the period of 6 months or less as may be deemed necessary to secure or train a replacement for the registrant. If there is a change in the registrant's status during the period of his deferment in Class II-A, his classification shall be reopened and considered anew. At the expiration of the period of the registrant's deferment in Class II-A, his classification shall be reopened and he shall be classified anew. When the registrant is classified anew, he shall not be again placed in Class II-A unless such classification is warranted, and in addition, the registrant or the registrant's employer or service to the local board or the board of appeal (if an appeal is taken) for the period of 6 months or less as may be deemed necessary to secure or train a replacement. If these conditions are not met and the registrant is again placed in Class II-A, such further deferment shall be for the period of 6 months or less as may be deemed necessary to secure or train a replacement. The same rule shall be applied when again classifying such a registrant at the end of each successive period for which he has been classified in Class II-A.

11.2 Class II-B (When necessary to the War Production Program.) (a) Any Class II-B shall be placed any registrant found to be a necessary man in any industry, business, employment, agricultural pursuit, governmental service, or in any other service or endeavor for the maintenance of the national health, safety or interest. (b) Class II-B deferments shall be for a period of 6 months or less. If there is a change in the registrant's status during the period of deferment in Class II-B, his classification shall be reopened and considered anew. At the expiration of the period of the registrant's deferment in Class II-B, his classification shall be reopened and he shall be classified anew. When again classifying the registrant, care should be taken not to impede the war production program. The registrant should be again classified in Class II-B for a period of 6 months or less if such classification is warranted and if the registrant's employer has made a reasonable but unsuccessful effort to secure or train a replacement for the registrant during the period of deferment. The same rule shall be applied when again classifying such a registrant at the end of each successive period for which he has been classified in Class II-B.

11.3 General rules for classification in Class II-A and Class II-B. (a) The local board is placed the primary responsibility in deciding which men should be deferred because of their civilian activities. It is in the national interest and of paramount importance to our national defense that civilian activities which are directly contributing to the war effort or which are otherwise essential to the national health, safety or interest should be maintained where possible consistent with the fundamental purposes of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 as amended. (b) No deferment from training and service shall be made in the case of any individual except upon the basis of the status of such individual and no deferment shall be made of individuals by occupational groups or groups of individuals in any plant or institution. (c) The local board may avail itself of the assistance of all Federal, State or local agencies (such as the Office of Production Management, Labor Supply Commission, State and Federal employment services, State occupational advisory council, Agricultural Agents or others) to obtain information in cases of occupational deferments. (d) Necessary man defined. A registrant shall be considered a necessary man in any industry, business, employment, agricultural pursuit, governmental service, or in any other service or endeavor, including training or preparation therefor, when all of these conditions exist: (1) He is or has for a seasonal or temporary interruption would be engaged in such activity; (2) he cannot be replaced because of a shortage of persons with his qualifications or skill in such activity; and (3) his removal would cause a serious loss of effectiveness in such activity.

D. C.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has been designated the sole civilian Government investigative agency, having jurisdiction over the investigation of matters pertaining to the national defense, that is, espionage, sabotage, registration of agents of foreign principals and the like. Further, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has sole investigative jurisdiction in a great number of other Federal statutes which embrace bank robbery, kidnaping, extortion, white slave traffic, the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, and numerous others. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has also been designated by Congress as the agency officially responsible for the tabulation and dissemination of police statistics for the entire country. Under an Act of Congress these statistics are gathered and are distributed to thousands of interested police and affiliated agencies each quarter so that trends of crime, crime records, and crime control can be known to those to whom it is of most interest. Further than this, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been designated as the agency having jurisdiction over the classification and maintenance of fingerprint records, not only on a national basis, but on an international basis. We have some forty-six million sets of fingerprints on hand today. We are receiving the fingerprint records of all persons enlisted or being inducted into the Army and enlisted in other military services. Thousands of persons in public-utility positions are fingerprinted and the prints are retained in our files. Those working in national defense industries on many occasions are fingerprinted, their prints being included in our files. Our Government employees' prints are included. We are receiving thousands of criminal fingerprints from all police agencies in the country daily and it is essential that we immediately be able to notify the arresting agency of the criminal record of the individual because he may be wanted for more serious crimes in other sections of the country and if he is to be released on a mere vagrancy or other charge, he may be set free to continue his depredations on society. This Bureau, together with many other foreign countries, participates in the international exchange of fingerprints. Hundreds of international crooks are brought to task yearly through the media of this service we have rendered.

Our Criminology Laboratory handles the scientific examination of evidence in cases investigated by the Federal and local law enforcement agencies. A great deal of their work is done in the examination of suspected sabotage cases at the present time. The scientists in that Laboratory have lectured throughout the country on bombs and explosives so that local police agencies may be adequately prepared to handle any such matters which might arise under their jurisdiction.

There are contained in our Files Section the files of hundreds of thousands of individuals whose activities are of the greatest importance to the country today. The work of the Files Section and the records of that section which have to do not only with the investigation of kidnaping, extortion, bank robbery, and like cases but also the investigation of our espionage, sabotage, foreign agent cases, and others, are of course accessible to employees working in that unit. It is most essential that only the most trusted employees be so assigned.

B. 5.

The work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is of the utmost importance in the national defense. It is essential that thoroughly qualified personnel of the highest integrity and background be secured for every position in the Bureau. Our work is the guarding of the internal security of the country, not only in national defense matters, but in the control of those criminals who previously had terrorized the country in waves of bank robbery, kidnaping, extortion, white slavery, automobile theft, and numerous other crimes. There is no doubt whatsoever in the minds of law enforcement officials that should any group be permitted to have the assurance that their activities were being minimized during the present national emergency, we would have a tremendous country-wide wave of crime in that particular category in a very short period of time. It is, therefore, essential that from a national defense standpoint and from a public security standpoint the Bureau maintain its qualified staff at an absolute maximum in order to continue to have control of the criminal element under its jurisdiction.

I, J. Edgar Hoover, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of September, 1942

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B. 7. a. b. c.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is primarily a service agency. We serve our Government and the public. We cannot determine the amount of work which is going to be referred to us. If there is a crime wave of local or national significance at any time the work of the Bureau is increased in comparison. Our identification, laboratory, and crime statistics facilities reflect very definitely the trends in the country. We must have available personnel to properly handle the thousands of fingerprint records being received by us daily. We are at the present time receiving approximately one hundred and twenty thousand sets of prints daily. We must have a scientific staff in the laboratory to examine scientific evidence. We must have an investigative force of sufficient size to handle the work being referred to us. We must have a technical and supervisory staff of sufficient size to render the service to our investigative, identification, laboratory, and statistical staffs so that we may have the benefit of the wealth of information in our various files. The work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has increased so tremendously that every employee in the Bureau, regardless of his position, is performing a tremendous amount of overtime service. Our Special Agent investigators are performing no less than four hours a day overtime service. In the present emergency we have found it necessary to curtail leave because of inadequate personnel and many of our men have worked over long periods of time without having any time off for vacation.

D. 1.

The additional duties imposed upon the Bureau since the declaration of the national emergency have made it necessary that our staff be more than doubled. From the information furnished under sub-heading B, it will be seen that it is essential to carefully investigate every employee in the Bureau. All of our employees in the performance of their work at one time or the other have opportunity to observe and note the content of confidential investigative reports, the publication of which would be most detrimental to the national safety. We have had considerable difficulty in securing sufficient employees. We find that out of applicants who file application, we are successful in appointing about one out of every one hundred. It, therefore, means that if we lose an employee after he is fully investigated and is being given training or has been experienced, we must again consider on an average, one hundred persons before he can be replaced. In the accelerated program of the Government it is essential that the Federal Bureau of Investigation work at top speed to keep abreast of its duties and investigation of matters pertaining to national defense, its regular activities, and its most important and essential identification activities at this time.

D. 5.

At the present time the Federal Bureau of Investigation is employing additional qualified persons as rapidly as they can be found. The assembled Congress has in the past several months passed several bills which will increase even to a greater extent our present volume of work. The needs of the service as to employees fluctuate with the periods of stress in the country.

D. 6. a.

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are given twelve weeks of training which embraces five hundred and thirty-five hours of study. During that period of time they are trained not only in investigative techniques and procedures but are qualified in the handling of firearms, mechanical devices, and technical devices in use by the Bureau. After entering the field service after training, their skill, of course, increases with their length of service in the field.

I, J. Edgar Hoover, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of September, 1942

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SA:PAJ/J

August 7, 1942

Handwritten initials

Mr. Clyde A. Tolson
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Clyde:

I thought that you would like to have a copy of the color photograph taken of the various Assistant Directors and myself on the occasion of my Twenty-Fifth Anniversary.

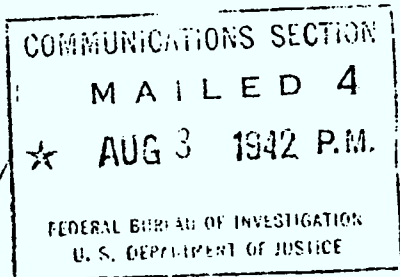
Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

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- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Carson _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
- Mr. Hendon _____
- Mr. Kramer _____
- Mr. McGuire _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Gandy _____



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Appearing at the Supreme Court session which denied habeas corpus appeals for seven of eight Nazi saboteur suspects are J. EDGAR HOOVER, right, FBI director, and CLYDE TOLSON, also of the FBI.

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Nease
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EFFICIENCY RATING

Classification Symbols		
CAF	15	\$9000
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As of 3/31/42 based on performance during period from 4/1/41 to 3/31/42

C. A. Tulson Assistant to the Director
(Name of employee) (Title of position) (Bureau)

(Division) (Section) (Subsection or unit) (Field office)

ON LINES BELOW MARK EMPLOYEE	1. Underline the elements which are especially important in the position. 2. Rate only on elements pertinent to the position. a. Do not rate on elements in <i>italics</i> except for employees in administrative, supervisory, or planning positions. b. Rate administrative, supervisory, and planning employees on all elements pertinent to the position whether in <i>italics</i> or not. 3. Before rating, become thoroughly familiar with instructions in the rating manual.	CHECK ONE: Administrative, supervisory, or planning <input type="checkbox"/> All others <input type="checkbox"/>
✓ if adequate		
- if weak		
+ if outstanding		

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| (1) Maintenance of equipment, tools, instruments. | (21) Effectiveness in planning broad programs. |
| (2) Mechanical skill. | (22) Effectiveness in adapting the work program to broader or related programs. |
| (3) Skill in the application of techniques and procedures. | (23) Effectiveness in devising procedures. |
| (4) Presentability of work (appropriateness of arrangement and appearance of work). | (24) Effectiveness in laying out work and establishing standards of performance for subordinates. |
| (5) Attention to broad phases of assignments. | (25) Effectiveness in directing, reviewing, and checking the work of subordinates. |
| (6) Attention to pertinent detail. | (26) Effectiveness in instructing, training, and developing subordinates in the work. |
| (7) Accuracy of operations. | (27) Effectiveness in promoting high working morale. |
| (8) Accuracy of final results. | (28) Effectiveness in determining space, personnel, and equipment needs. |
| (9) Accuracy of judgments or decisions. | (29) Effectiveness in setting and obtaining adherence to time limits and deadlines. |
| (10) Effectiveness in presenting ideas or facts. | (30) Ability to make decisions. |
| (11) Industry. | (31) Effectiveness in delegating clearly defined authority to act. |
| (12) Rate of progress on or completion of assignments. | |
| (13) Amount of acceptable work produced. (Is mark based on production records? <u>Yes or no</u>) | |
| (14) Ability to organize his work. | |
| (15) Effectiveness in meeting and dealing with others. | |
| (16) Cooperativeness. | |
| (17) Initiative. | |
| (18) Resourcefulness. | |
| (19) Dependability. | |
| (20) Physical fitness for the work. | |

STATE ANY OTHER ELEMENTS CONSIDERED

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STANDARD Deviations must be explained on reverse side of this form	Adjective rating	Numerical rating	Rating official
All underlined elements marked plus, and no element marked minus	Excellent	1	<u>E</u>
A majority of underlined elements marked plus, and no element marked minus	Very good	2 or 3	
All underlined elements marked at least with a check, and minus marks fully compensated by plus marks, or a majority of underlined elements marked at least with a check, and minus marks on underlined elements overcompensated by plus marks on underlined elements	Good	4, 5, or 6	
A majority of underlined elements marked at least with a check, and minus marks not fully compensated by plus marks	Fair	7 or 8	
A majority of underlined elements marked minus	Unsatisfactory	9	

On the whole, do you consider the conduct of this employee to be satisfactory? Yes or no (See back of form)

Rated by J. Edgar Hoover Director 3/31/42
(Signature of rating official) (Title) (Date)
Reviewed by J. Edgar Hoover Director JUL 9 1942
(Signature of reviewing official) (Title) (Date)

Rating approved by efficiency rating committee JUL 8 1942 Report to employee E
(Date) (Adjective rating) (Numerical rating)

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321 South Lee Street
Alexandria, Virginia

July 27, 1942

Mr. George Marshall
Chairman
National Federation for Constitutional
Liberties
1117 Broadway
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Marshall:

It is desired that the name of Clyde A. Tolson and my name be removed from any mailing list which the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties might have. Recently, both Mr. Tolson and I have received material from your organization, and while the thought in sending it is appreciated, neither of us desire that our names be on your mailing list.

Very truly yours,

Louis B. Nichols

Place in Mr Tolson's
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National Federation for Constitutional Liberties

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1123 Broadway

New York, N. Y.

Dear Friend:

I am enclosing herewith for your information a copy of an Open Letter which was transmitted to President Roosevelt on Saturday, July 11th.

The letter urges the President to use his executive powers to rescind the Attorney-General's decision in the case of Harry Bridges. The names of 458 signers appear on the enclosure. Approximately 400 additional signatures were received too late for publication, but are being transmitted to the President.

Sincerely,

George Marshall

George Marshall
Chairman

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An Open Letter to the President of the United States of America

July 11th, 1942

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

It is in the interests of the American people, and victory over the Axis, rather than in the interests of the individual Harry Bridges alone, that we address this open letter to you, to urge reconsideration of the order of Attorney General Biddle for Mr. Bridges' deportation.

In the last few days we have given careful consideration to the far-reaching effects of the Attorney General's order. To the best of our ability, we have analyzed the public response, and have found organized labor shocked and concerned, government production chiefs and patriotic industrial leaders deeply disturbed, many newspaper editors and columnists critical—and the appeasement, anti-war forces of the country, along with the official Axis propaganda bureaus, delighted by the decision.

Within a few days after Mr. Biddle announced his decision, Senator Reynolds, opponent of many measures necessary to win the war and critic of your administration of our wartime government, called for deportation not only of Bridges but of "thousands of others," and urged that the Communist Party be outlawed. An appeasement columnist, giving only lipservice to the cause of the United States, utilized the decision to launch a flagrantly scurrilous attack on Mrs. Roosevelt. And Radio Berlin, in its broadcasts beamed to the United States, used the Biddle decision to attack American collaboration with Russia in the fight against the Axis.

Certainly these incidents by themselves prove that the decision of the Attorney General jeopardizes our war effort, not in terms of production—it is clear that labor will continue to surpass its own high records—but in terms of national morale. Mr. Biddle's decision was described by one commentator as "the blunder for which pro-Axis propagandists have been waiting." It is exactly that, through its negation of the cause for which we are fighting and its contradiction of your pledge that all loyal residents of our country would find a place in this fight, judged by one criterion only — wholehearted, unequivocal, sacrificial support of the war.

Our fight for freedom and against the tyranny of the Axis, has brought home to the American people the meaning of fascism. For nine years, we have watched the rise of fascism in Germany and its encroachment upon other lands and peoples. We have seen the pattern repeat itself: destruction of powerful trade unions, persecution of the Jewish people, suppression of the Catholic church, loss of the right of free worship, and outlawing of the Communist Party, the inevitable first step towards the banishment of democracy and the enslavement of free peoples.

We have seen Hitler and the Axis use the slogan "anti-communism" to thrust upon the world brutality and violence unprecedented in human history. We have seen the

Lavals and the Petains of both hemispheres using the same slogans to carry on their work, seeking everywhere to divide and conquer the people and prevent them from achieving victory over fascism.

Your statement on May 16th, 1942, that you were commuting the sentence of Earl Browder because it would have "a tendency to promote national unity" was acclaimed by all Americans with a real understanding of the needs of unity and national morale.

The Government's evidence on the character of the Communist Party was put in through the testimony of thoroughly discredited witnesses most of whose testimony on other phases of the case was disbelieved both by Inspector Sears and the Board of Immigration Appeals. In view of the Attorney General's comment that he hopes the Bridges case will become a "test case of communism" it must be pointed out that the Communist Party was not a party to the deportation proceedings and that at no time were any of its officials subpoenaed or invited to present accurate evidence on its position.

The constitution of the Communist Party, adopted in 1938 and a matter of public record since that time, declares its unequivocal opposition to any "clique, group, circle, faction or party which conspires or acts to subvert, undermine, weaken or overthrow any or all institutions of American democracy." Whatever one conceives the political principles of the Communist Party to be, there can be no question of its unreserved support of the war program.

Because the decision rendered by Mr. Biddle in the case of Harry Bridges can only serve to undermine our national morale, and because it has already been used to create distrust of aliens and of labor leaders, we urge upon you the necessity of directing reconsideration. We make this plea not alone in justice to Harry Bridges, alien and labor leader, but in justice to Harry Bridges, fighting leader of the men behind the fighting lines, forceful asset to our war effort, vigorous spokesman for unity behind the war.

We recognize that your executive powers in this war emergency are extraordinary. It is our belief that executive action is required to prevent the execution of Mr. Biddle's order or the necessity of entering, at this time, upon what will inevitably be protracted and disruptive litigation. It is equally essential that the Attorney General's ill-advised, arbitrary, and unwarranted findings relative to the Communist Party be rescinded.

We believe, therefore, that you must offset the dangerous aspects of the Attorney General's order by a positive and immediate reaffirmation of the rights of labor, and of all loyal racial, religious and political groups, to full participation in the war.

In the interests of national unity and victory over the Axis, we urge you to use your executive authority to rescind the Attorney General's decision.

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I hereby join in signing the Open Letter to the President of the United States, requesting him to use his executive authority to rescind Attorney General Biddle's order for the deportation of Harry Bridges.

THE FOLLOWING HAVE SIGNED THE OPEN LETTER AS INDIVIDUALS
ORGANIZATIONS ARE LISTED FOR IDENTIFICATION ONLY

- REV. RALPH C. ABELE, Evangelical and Reformed Church of Holy Ghost, St. Louis, Mo.
- REV. CARLYLE ADAMS, Editor, The Presbyterian Tribune, Utica, N. Y.
- COMFORT A. ADAMS, Consulting Engineer, Philadelphia, Pa.
- DR. THOMAS ADDIS, Professor of Medicine, Stanford University Medical School.
- REV. EDWIN E. AIKEN, JR., Bethany Congregational Church, Lynn, Mass.
- LEILA T. ALEXANDER, Social Director, Pearl Street Neighborhood House, Waterbury, Conn.
- MRS. LULA D. ALLEN, Investigator, Hartford Department of Public Welfare, Hartford, Conn.
- MARY ROBERT ALLEN, Industrial Secretary, Y.W.C.A., Wethersfield, Conn.
- REV. PAUL JOHNSON ALLURED, First Presbyterian Church, Holly, Mich.
- ROBENIA F. ANTHONY, teacher, Springfield, Mass.
- LESLIE R. ARNOLD, Librarian, Beals Memorial Library, Winchendon, Mass.
- HARRIETTE ASHBROOK, writer, Mitchell, Neb.
- STATE SENATOR N. P. ATKINSON, Seattle, Wash.
- REV. CHARLES AUSTIN, Church of All Nations, New York, N. Y.
- SILAS B. AXTELL, attorney, New York, N. Y.
- PROFESSOR ELIZABETH F. BAKER, Barnard College.
- G. DERWOOD BAKER, City Superintendent of Schools, Boulder, Colo.
- HART E. BAKER, attorney, Chicago, Ill.
- REV. RICHARD T. BAKER, New York, N. Y.
- PROF. WAYNE BARKER, University of Chicago.
- REV. WILLIAM BARLOW, Granville, N. Y.
- PROF. FRED ASA BARNES, Cornell University.
- PROF. ADRIAAN J. BARNOUW, Columbia University.
- PROF. (EMERITUS) H. M. BELDEN, University of Missouri.
- WILLIAM ROSE BENET, author, contributing editor Saturday Review of Literature, New York, N. Y.
- REV. HERMAN D. BERLOW, Methodist Church Orono, Maine.
- JOHN T. BERNARD, Eveleth, Minn.
- LEWIS ALAN BERNE, International President, Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians, C.I.O., New York, N. Y.
- ALINE BERNSTEIN, Vice President, Museum of Costume Art, New York, N. Y.
- DR. HENRY LAMBERT BIBBY, M. D., Kingston, N. Y.
- WARREN K. BILLINGS, San Francisco, Calif.
- PROF. RAY A. BILLINGTON, Smith College.
- REV. DR. KAHIL A. BISHARA, Evangelical Bishop, Syrian Protestant Church of Greater New York.
- REV. SHELTON HALE BISHOP, Rector, St. Philip's Episcopal Church, New York, N.Y.
- ALGERNON D. BLACK, Leader, The Society for Ethical Culture, New York, N. Y.
- IVAN BLACK, publicist, New York, N. Y.
- ALICE STONE BLACKWELL, Cambridge, Mass.
- MARC BLITZSTEIN, composer, New York, N. Y.
- RABBI HERBERT BLOOM, Temple Emanuel, Kingston, N. Y.
- RALPH E. BLOUNT, retired teacher, Oak Park, Ill.
- DR. GEORGE BLUMER, New Haven, Conn.
- PROF. (EMERITUS) FRANZ BOAS, Columbia University.
- JOHN W. BOLLINGER, Director, North Dakota Farmers Union, Flasher, N. D.
- REV. LESTER L. BOOBAR, First Methodist Church, Bangor, Maine.
- ALLEN BORETZ, writer, Los Angeles, Calif.
- REV. W. RUSSELL BOWIE, Union Theological Seminary.
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- PHILIP H. VAN GELDER, National Secretary-Treasurer, Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America, Camden, N. J.
- REV. MORGAN W. VAN TASSELL, Oak Grove Avenue Community Church, Buffalo, N. Y.
- PROF. OSWALD VEBLEN, Institute For Advanced Study, Princeton University.
- REV. O. WALTER WAGNER, St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Jackson, Mich.
- REV. EDGAR M. WAHLBERG, Grace Church, Denver, Colo.
- MRS. COLIN C. WAKEFIELD, Secretary, Brooklyn District of Society of Congregational Christian Women, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- HERMAN B. WALKER, Treasurer, New Jersey Good Government Council, Orange, N. J.
- PROF. J. RAYMOND WALSH, Williams College.
- (EMERITUS) HARRY F. WARD, Union Theological Seminary.
- LYNN WARD, artist, Palisade, N. J.
- THEODORE WARD, playwright, New York, N. Y.
- REECE WARMATH, President, United Steelworkers, Local 1054, Kokomo, Ind.
- PROF. LEROY WATERMAN, University of Michigan.
- REV. ARTHUR L. WEATHERLY, Hillsboro, N.H.
- REV. CHARLES C. WEBBER, Executive Secretary, Methodist Federation for Social Service, New York, N. Y.
- MAX WEBER, artist, Long Island, N. Y.
- PROF. ALBERT G. WEIDLER, Berea College.
- RABBI JACOB J. WEINSTEIN, K.A.M. Temple, Chicago, Ill.
- PROF. LOUIS WEISNER, Hunter College.
- PROF. RICHARD G. WENDELL, Iowa State College.
- REV. DONALD L. WEST, Cartersville, Ga.
- PROF. FRANK W. WEYMOUTH, Stanford University.
- ROWAN WHEALDON, Executive Secretary, Essex County Tuberculosis League, Newark, N. J.
- REV. ROBERT WHITAKER, Los Gatos, Cal.
- REV. ELIOT WHITE, Roselle, N. J.
- REV. LUKE M. WHITE, St. Luke's Church, Montclair, N. J.
- ROLAND A. WHITE, Managing Editor, The Dubuque Leader, Dubuque, Ia.
- MARY G. WHITING, Unitarian Service Commission, Boston, Mass.
- A. F. WHITNEY, President, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Cleveland, Ohio.
- PROF. HENRY N. WIEMAN, University of Chicago.
- REV. JOHN P. WILKINS, Rector, Trinity Church, Bristol, Conn.
- REV. ALFRED E. WILLETT, Paterson Avenue Methodist Church, Paterson, N. J.
- REV. DAVID RHYS WILLIAMS, First Unitarian Church, Rochester, N. Y.
- PROF. HOMER L. WILLIAMS, Park College.
- DR. WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS, Rutherford, N. J.
- C. T. WILLSEY, President, Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union, Local 444, Fairbanks, Alaska.
- REV. CHARLES C. WILSON, Trinity Episcopal Church, Kirksville, Mo.
- ELWIN L. WILSON, District Superintendent, Portland District, Maine Conference, Methodist Church, Portland, Me.
- MRS. LUKE WILSON, Bethesda, Md.
- ELLA WINTER, writer, Upper Jay, N. Y.
- DR. A. WOLFSON, Vice-President, Jewish Social Service Bureau, Newark, N. J.
- MARTIN WOLFSON, actor, New York, N. Y.
- REV. ALONZO L. WOOD, Chaplain, South Kent School, South Kent, Conn.
- PROF. ARTHUR EVANS WOOD, University of Michigan.
- HERMAN WRIGHT, attorney, Houston, Tex.
- DR. MAX YERGAN, President, National Negro Congress, New York, N. Y.
- ART YOUNG, artist, New York, N. Y.
- PROF. BENJAMIN E. YOUNGDAHL, Washington University.

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THE CASE OF HARRY BRIDGES

On May 28, 1942, Attorney General Francis Biddle ordered the deportation of Harry Bridges. His decision reversed the unanimous finding of the Board of Immigration Appeals of the Department of Justice, which on January 3, 1942, overruled the decision of Presiding Inspector Sears. Mr. Biddle's decision also discounted the outstanding opinion, in 1939, of James M. Landis, then Dean of Harvard Law School and now Director of the Office of Civilian Defense.

Here are the outstanding recent statements on the case for your information.

THE RECORD

Dean James M. Landis, "In the Matter of Harry R. Bridges," December, 1939

"Bridges' own statement of his political beliefs and disbeliefs is important. It was given not only without reserve, but vigorously as dogma and faiths of which the man was proud and which presented in his mind the aims of his existence. . . . That Bridges' aims are energetically radical may be admitted, but the proof fails to establish the methods he seeks to employ to realize them are other than those that the framework of democratic and constitutional government permits."

Board of Immigration Appeals, J. A. Fanelli, Chairman, January 3, 1942

"That the aims of Bridges, personally, were legitimate union

aims is clearly shown by the evidence. . . . Bridges believes in arbitration and direct negotiation to settle labor differences, with the strike used only as a last resort."

Official Statement of Harry Bridges, May 29, 1942

"I am urging all union men and women to redouble their fight against Hitler and the Axis to make up for the damage caused by the Attorney General. . . . Our first job is winning the war and this decision will not deter us in any way from that goal. My deportation has never been, and is not now, the issue. It was the fight for union conditions and against Fascist aggression conducted by my union which led to the origination of the charge of Communism against me."

THE REACTION

New York Herald Tribune, Editorial, May 30, 1942

"It may be that Harry Bridges, West Coast labor leader, is doing his best to promote this country's battle of production against the Axis not from love of America but from loyalty to the Comintern. . . . But, whatever his motivation, the fact remains, from all accounts, that in helping to organize management-labor committees and in his pep talks to longshoremen and shipyard workers he has been making no mean contribution to the cause."

A. Beasley, Minister of Supply and Acting Attorney General of Australia, May 30, 1942

"Determination of the desirability of any person is a matter for his own country to decide. Bridges might conceivably be the greatest social reformer ever seen here. Another country's court decisions regarding the desirability of any Australian cannot be regarded as acceptable to the Australian viewpoint. . . . Australia's code of industrial conditions and the rights of unions and workers to organize is on a different level from those of other countries. The men who fight to obtain these conditions in Australia might reasonably be regarded as undesirables elsewhere."

The New Republic, Editorial, June 8, 1942

"Viewed as a whole, it (the Attorney General's decision) seems one of the most stupid, ill-advised, undemocratic actions in recent years. . . . (Mr. Biddle) goes back into the Communist Manifesto of 1848. It is like saying that the Democrats are now in favor of state's rights and the Republicans in favor of federalism, just because this was true in 1860."

PM, Editorial, May 30, 1942

"Bridges is absolutely all-out not only for winning this war, but for winning it quickly and decisively. Far from advocating the overthrow of the Government—today—he advocates putting nothing ahead of its welfare . . . he has continued to advise his men to waive all kinds of advantages—won from their employers over a long period of years—so that they might get on with the job of loading ships for the battle of the Southwest Pacific. Our men who are fighting over the Southwest Pacific already are in Bridges' debt. . . . He is the hard working and aggressive head of an organization on whose efficiency the lives of Americans fighting abroad depend."

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ie Nation, "Biddle and Bridges,"
Freda Kirchwey, June 6, 1942

"One is driven to the unhappy conclusion that Francis Biddle is not as sharply aware as a war-time Attorney General should be of the social and political effects of administrative acts. . . . Division and turmoil have been created at a time when unity and order are essential. The pretense that Bridges can go on with his work while his case moves slowly from court to court is ridiculous. No labor leader can serve as an effective aid to a government which has ordered his deportation as a dangerous alien."

ew York Daily News, "War Chiefs Protest 'Onsides' Order," by Guy Richards, May 30, 1942

"Officials of the War and Navy Departments, the War Shipping Administration and the War Production Board today complained bitterly that Biddle's out-of-the-blue-sky decree had handed them the war's No. 1 political headache. . . . Said one harassed big shot, ' . . . as you probably know, Bridges has helped more to keep our labor and shipping troubles down than any civilian I can think of'. . . . In the five months since Pearl Harbor, Bridges, Communist or not, has won the loyalty of government administrators, Army and Naval officers, and the rank and file membership of the stevedore and merchant marine unions. But not as a Communist. As a leader."

Algernon D. Black, Lecturer, Society for Ethical Culture,
over Station WQXR, New York, June 4, 1942

"Francis Biddle has made a mistake, the mistake the pro-Axis propagandists have been waiting for, and the Fascist and Axis press is now going to work in every possible way to exploit the issues for disunity and confusion, to weaken, to divide us."

Dorothy Thompson, Syndicated Column in the
New York Post, June 1, 1942

" . . . It seems to me that logical and objective thinking has been conspicuous by its absence in this case and that it is necessary to do some. . . . Now that we are in the war, they (the Communist Party) ardently wish to defeat both Nazi Germany and Japan. Defeating Nazi Germany and Japan is not accomplished by conspiring to overthrow the United States government. . . . The Communist Party is a recognized legal party in the United States. It runs candidates for President. . . . If Mr. Bridges, in the middle of a war, is guilty of plotting to overthrow the government of the United States, then he is guilty of treason and should be imprisoned or shot. But obviously he is not guilty of any such crime."

THE RESULT

Senator Robert R. Reynolds, of North Carolina,
May 29, 1942

"Bridges should not be permitted to make the trip out of the country alone. There are thousands of others who ought to be deported or put into concentration camps and held there until we can get rid of them. . . . The Communist Party should be barred from political tickets and forbidden to engage in political enterprises."

Radio Berlin, May 30, 1942

"Bridges obviously is one of the small thieves who are hanged while the big ones like Stalin get away and are even being made allies."

"By the remarks of the Attorney General, Roosevelt's Moscow policy is brought into a peculiar light."

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March 12, 1942

Mr. Clyde A. Tolson
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

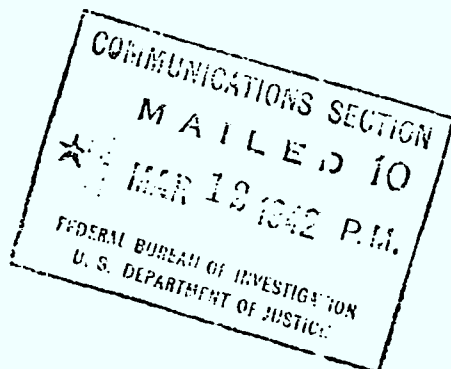
Dear Mr. Tolson:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your contribution of \$5.00 to the fund to be paid to the designated beneficiary of any participating Special Agent of the Bureau who dies, from any cause except self destruction, while employed as a Special Agent.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

3/2/42

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who has contributed to this fund subsequent to February 2, 1942, and who dies from any cause except self-destruction while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY ORDER) the sum of five dollars (\$5), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

The Director of the Bureau will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping, and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director of the Bureau in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of said Bureau shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director.

Upon the death of any Special Agent, the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. Appropriate instructions will then be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the sum of \$5,000.

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary:

Name Estate Address _____
Relationship _____

Very truly yours,

Ceyde A. Tolson
Special Agent

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1st Endorsement

27 December 1939

From: The Commandant Navy Yard, Washington, D.C.
To: Lt. Comdr. Clyde Tolson, I-V(S), USNR.

Subject: Resignation.

1. Forwarded.

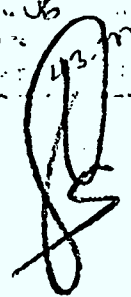
GEO. PETTENGILL
Commandant.



A. B. McCrary
By direction.

X MAY 7 1942

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*In reply address not the signer of
this letter, but Bureau of Navigation,
Navy Department, Washington, D. C.
Refer to No.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF NAVIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

From: The Chief of the Bureau of Navigation.

To : Lt. Cdr. Clyde Tolson, I-V(S), USNR.,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Via : Commandant, Navy Yard, Washington, D. C.

Subject: Resignation.

Inclosure: (A) Receipt form.

1. You are informed that, by direction of the President, your resignation is hereby accepted, effective this date.
2. Your resignation is being accepted since it is considered that in your present federal employment your services would be of more value to the government in the event of war than as a Naval Reserve officer performing active duty. In the event this condition changes and you then desire to submit application for re-appointment in the Naval Reserve, the Bureau will be pleased to give such application special consideration.
3. It is hoped you will hold as close contact with and interest in naval affairs as may be practicable.
4. Acknowledgment of receipt is requested on the inclosed form.

Copy to:
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CW. Nimitz

Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
 Mr. Clegg _____
 Mr. Glavin _____
 Mr. Ladd _____
 Mr. Nichols _____
 Mr. Tracy _____
 Mr. Egan _____
 Mr. Carson _____
 Mr. Coffey _____
 Mr. Hendon _____
 Mr. Holloman _____
 Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
 Mr. Nease _____
 Miss Gandy _____

Did You Happen to See--- CLYDE A. TOLSON?

When he talks about the FBI you can't stop him. Turn the conversation to himself, and there isn't a chance of getting him started.

He has been hiding from me for months. In and out of town, but always a good—and polite excuse. The other day he surrendered.

"I suppose I might as well give in. You pester me to death anyway, come on up this afternoon."

He did not hide under the desk as I had expected. But received me with all the well-known Tolson heartiness. No wonder he is No. 2 G-man in the United States.

He has what it takes: The keenest, most intelligent eyes, a splendid physique, excellent memory, plenty of humors, is an expert on human beings, knows the ins and outs of law, is energetic, and has many other qualities which make him a fine side to his famous boss, J. Edgar Hoover.

"There are some things we are pretty proud of here at the FBI. Out of 264 kidnappings, we have solved all except two, namely, the Mattson and the Levine cases. Someday we shall break those, too."

"Kidnaping has decreased greatly. And why? Because we made the criminals realize that it did not pay."

"Then we are very proud of our fingerprints," continues Clyde Tolson. "We have 24,000,000 sets and receive no less than 30,000 every morning. They are handled the same day or latest the next, by three shifts of people. Within two minutes we can find the record of a person."

"There are 2,500 FBI agents all over the country, as well as in Puerto Rico and Hawaii."

"No agent is a specialist. They all get a chance at the most difficult jobs. Our men are kept fit. They have to be in perfect physical condition, and know how to use a pistol,



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 CLYDE A. TOLSON

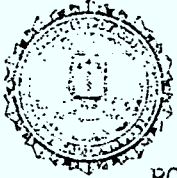
revolver, shotgun, machine gun, and what have you.

"About myself. I was born on a farm in Iowa, had a pony, went to George Washington University for seven and one-half years at night. Got my A.B. and law. Have been in Government service for 18 years. Entered FBI in 1929, first as special assistant, then inspector."

"I am 41, not married—never had time. I play baseball and tennis. Travel half of my time on cases all over the country. And—I nearly forgot. I have a race horse named after me, a pretty good one, it won yesterday. Is that enough?"

"It was like having a tooth pulled. Good that it is over," says fearless Clyde Tolson as he leans back, takes a deep breath, sighs and smiles like a good boy expecting the promised candy bar.
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

October 13, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NICHOLS

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Foxworth _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Drayton _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Tele. Room _____
Tour Room _____
Mr. Nease _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Goshorn _____
Miss Gandy _____

As a matter of record for Mr. Tolson's personnel file, there is set out below his biographical sketch which is being used at the present time:

TOLSON, CLYDE ANDERSON, attorney; born near Laredo, Missouri, May 22, 1900; son of James W. and Joaquin Miller (Anderson); graduate, Laredo, Missouri, High School; Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Business College; A.B., 1925, George Washington University; LL.B., 1927, George Washington University; admitted to District of Columbia Bar, 1928; admitted to practice before United States Supreme Court, 1935; member, Sigma Mu and Phi Delta Phi Fraternities; Mason; member, International Association of Chiefs of Police, International Association for Identification; Advisory Board, International World Police; Honorary Member, Iowa Association of Chiefs of Police, Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association of Oklahoma and Maryland Police Chiefs Association; served as Confidential Secretary to Secretaries of War, Newton D. Baker, John W. Weeks and Dwight F. Davis from 1919 to 1928; appointed as Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, April 2, 1928; Assistant Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, December, 1930; The Assistant to the Director, 1938.

Respectfully,

R. C. Hendon

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

April 9, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that I have not at any time advocated the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or by violence.

I am not now, nor have I been a member of any organization that advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or by violence.

Very truly yours,

Clyde A. Tolson

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me by the above-named person, this *9th* day of *April*, 19 *41*, at city of *Washington*, county of _____ and State (~~or Territory or District~~) of *Columbia*

Clarence D. ...
Notary Public

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June 11, 1941

Mr. Carlos A. Tolson
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

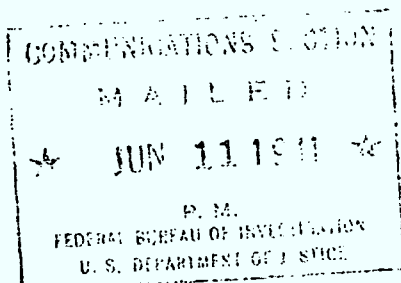
Dear Mr. Tolson:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your contribution of \$2.00 to the fund to be paid to the designated beneficiary of any participating Special Agent of the Bureau who dies, from any cause, while employed as a Special Agent.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

April 30, 1941

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who has contributed to this fund subsequent to April 15, 1941, and who dies from any cause, while employed as a Special Agent, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY ORDER) the sum of five dollars (\$5), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

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The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary:

Name Estelle Address _____
Relationship _____

Very truly yours,

Coyde A. Tolson
Special Agent

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.


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Date 11-6-40


MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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I would like to volunteer for the pending
London assignment.

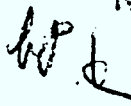
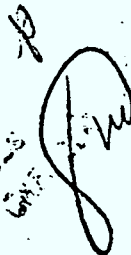

Clyde Tolson

This is a fine spirit.
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See letter to...


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Copy A. Tolson

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August 29, 1940

Personal and Confidential

Dear Admiral Culler: Anderson
Director
Office of Naval Intelligence
Navy Department
Washington, D. C.

My dear Admiral:

General

Some time ago I required those members of my staff whose services I desired to be available to me in the event of war and who held reserve commissions in the Army and Navy to resign those commissions. I took this action because of information furnished to me indicating that the War Department from its application of any proposed conscription act would exempt from its application the personnel of the Navy. It now appears, however, that the War Department will not make this exemption but that any conscription act enacted will require all men not actually holding reserve commissions in the Army or Navy to appear before local draft boards to obtain exemption and, if necessary, will appeal with the appellate units of the draft board and possibly will appeal with the War Department. Obviously, this procedure will require considerable time on the part of the individual members of my staff and I believe, consequently, that the work of the War Department will be expedited if the key officials of the Bureau hold reserve commissions. I would appreciate, therefore, your making up to the following members of my staff in the event they make application for such commissions through regular channels.

Clude X Nelson
George X Gam
John X Gavin

John X Noble
John X Connelley
John X Quinn

Thanking you for your opinion and any consideration of this letter,

Sincerely yours,
69-0-4437
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

12-13-39

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In response to Bureau communication of
November 15, 1939 concerning Departmental Circular
#3302 please be advised that I have not been holding
office in any political party or political club.

Very truly yours,

Clyde Tolson

Clyde Tolson

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Note:

If the above is answered affirmatively an
explanation follows stating whether or not you have
resigned and the date of resignation.

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February 26, 1940

Mr. Clyde Tolson
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

My attention has been called to the fact that you have not completed the Bureau's accounting course in compliance with my instructions of August 17, 1939.

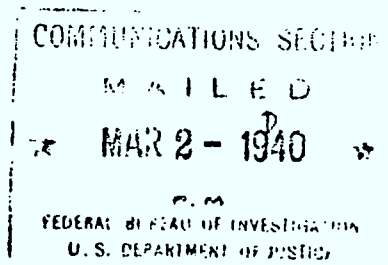
It is essential that Bureau officials complete this course of study at the earliest possible date, and I will expect lessons to be submitted by you at regular intervals until the course has been completed.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Egan _____
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Miss Gandy _____



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October 31, 1939

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Rear Admiral Walter S. Anderson
Director
Naval Intelligence
Navy Department
Washington, D. C.

My dear Admiral:

I have recently asked Mr. Tamm to discuss with Captain Hizon the question of whether a very limited number of Bureau officials might retain the Naval Reserve Commissions which they presently hold but not be considered for any mobilization station in the event of a National emergency. If such an arrangement can be made I would like to have the following men retain the Commissions they presently hold:

Clyde A. Tolson
Stanley J. Tracy
W. R. Glavin
Quinn Tamm
P. E. Foxworth
Guy Hottel
J. E. Lawler
E. K. Thompson
S. J. Drayton

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Crowl _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Lester _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Sears _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Gandy _____

In reply address not the signer of
this letter, but Bureau of Navigation,
Navy Department, Washington, D. C.

Refer to No. Nav 1652 aw

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NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF NAVIGATION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

18 September 1939

From: The Chief of the Bureau of Navigation.

To: Lt. Cdr. Clyde TOLSON, I-V(S), USNR
Division of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Via: The Commandant, NAVY YARD, Washington, D.C.

Subject: Status in U.S. Naval Reserve.

Reference: (a) Article H-6201 (3), BuNav Manual.

1. The reference provides that naval reserve officers whose services are determined to be of greater value to the Government in the event of war, in present civilian occupation than they would be if mobilized as naval reservists, will be discharged without prejudice to their later reappointment in grade held at the time of discharge.

2. In view of the above and advices received in the Bureau, it appears that your discharge is now in order under the provisions above cited. You are hereby offered an opportunity to submit such statement as you may desire. If preferred, you may submit your resignation.

3. You should reply to this Bureau via your Commandant, referring to this letter, as soon as practicable.

C. W. Nimitz,
Chief of Bureau.

W. S. G. Davis,
By direction.

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20 September 1939.

From: Commandant, Navy Yard, Washington, D. C.
To: Lieutenant Commander Clyde Tolson, I-V(S), USNR.,
Division of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Status in U. S. Naval Reserve.

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GEO. PETTINGILL
Commandant.

A. J. Benz
A. J. Benz
By direction.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 5, 1939

LRP:MC

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Supplementing my memorandum of July 24, 1939, concerning the progress made by each Special Agent in Charge, Acting Special Agent in Charge and Assistant Special Agent in Charge, there is set forth below the progress made by each Bureau official, Supervisor and No. 1 Man:

BUREAU OFFICIALS AND SUPERVISORS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LESSONS SUBMITTED</u>	<u>DATE LATEST LESSON SUBMITTED</u>
Tolson, G. A.	3	12/3/31
Nathan, H.	Completed	
Clegg, H. H.	9	3/13/33
Egan, J. S.	Completed	
Tamm, E. A.	Completed	
Acers, E.	0	
Appel, G. A.	30	7/11/33
Balch, D. E.	0	
Laughman, F.	9	5/21/32
Beach, T. D.	0	
Bellino, C. S.	40	5/26/39
Belmont, A. E.	33	6/4/39
Dickley, C. F.	0	
Blackburn, W. G.	2	12/3/34
Brennan, J. L.	0	
Carson, C. E.	0	
Chambers, R.	0	
Coffey, E. P.	18	12/14/33
Conrad, I. W.	0	
Cornelius, A.	0	
Crowl, A. H.	Completed	
Engert, G. J.	3	3/5/31
Glavin, W. R.	Completed	
Guerin, R. A.	10	11/7/35
Harbo, R. T.	0	
Hayden, A. C.	0	

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>LESSONS SUBMITTED</u>	<u>DATE LATEST LESSON SUBMITTED</u>
Hennrich, C. E.	0	
Hince, L. A.	3	1/13/34
Hogan, J. B.	0	
Holloman, F. C.	0	
Kimball, H. N.	0	
Kramer, R. P.	0	
Laughlin, R. H.	Completed	
Lawlor, J. B.	0	
Loddy, R. G.	0	
Leonard, L. E.	33	8-24-38
Lester, W. H. D.	Completed	
McCabe, M. H.	0	
McGuire, J. J.	0	
McIntire, K. R.	13	1/13/34
Richols, L. E.	2	7/11/35
O'Connor, H. T.	0	
Pennington, L. R.	Completed	
Renneberger, R. C.	13	2/23/33
Rosen, A.	0	
Sears, J. S.	2	3/16/34
Singman, L.	Completed	
Suttler, D. H.	0	
Tracy, S. J.	0	
Tamm, Q.	0	
Willis, G. H.	0	
Zimmer, V.	20	7/24/33

NO. 1 MEN

Iunsford, J. E.	6	4/3/35
Whitten, C. A.	5	8/22/32
West, M. J.	10	2/23/33
Bill, H. B.	0	
Currie, D.	0	
Gleason, R. F.	0	
Obenshain, L. A.	4	4/24/35
Abbatechio, R. J.	0	
Wenig, E. C.	0	
Knittle, R. A.	Completed	
Vogel, R. C.	3	9/4/34

Memorandum for the Director

8/5/39

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LESSONS SUBMITTED</u>	<u>DATE LATEST LESSON SUBMITTED</u>
Plaxico, H. E.	7	10/21/35
Whitson, L.	2	3/8/34
Thornton, J. E.	3	7/25/34
Hardison, C. A.	0	
Boardman, L. V.	0	
Smith, D. O.	45	12/31/36
Norley, D. R.	3	8/4/36
Millsworth, J. C.	7	9/1/36
Smith, Roswell E.	0	
Wright, H. B.	0	
Smith, Richard E.	33	10/9/33
Belvin, T. G.	0	
Melone, L. F.	0	
Brayton, S. J.	Completed	
Hood, R. T.	2	12/3/35
Flood, J. L.	Completed	
Chaffetz, H.	2	12/3/34
DiLillo, D.	4	7/15/32
King, H. A.	31	11/5/34
Bowman, L. I.	25	7/2/34
Ross, G. J.	0	
Winton, R. H.	0	
Richmond, L. H.	0	
Hostetter, D. S.	0	
Murphy, R. L.	0	
Bush, J. S.	15	5/29/34
Duffey, H. R.	0	
Howby, R. E.	4	2/2/33

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

September 11, 1939

Rear Admiral Walter S. Anderson
Director, Naval Intelligence
Navy Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Admiral Anderson:

From time to time during the past several years, I have certified to the Navy Department that the services of various individuals could be spared to the Navy Department in time of war, these certifications being made in connection with applications for commissions in the United States Naval Reserve executed by various employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Because of the increase in the volume of cases being investigated by this Bureau which pertain to the National Defense, I find it necessary at this time to cancel my previous statements indicating that the services of the individuals named hereafter might be spared to the Navy Department in time of war. It is accordingly recommended that the records of the Navy Department be amended to show that the service of the following named Bureau employees cannot be spared to the Navy Department in time of war:

Blackbur, W. G.
Cornelius, W.
Crowl, A. H.
Fonagen, T. J.
Drayton, S. J.
Foxworth, P. E.
Glavin, W. R.
Hottel, G.
Lawler, J. E.
Nitschke, I. E.
Tamm, E.
Thompson, E. E.
Tolson, C.
Tracy, W. J.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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WAR DEPARTMENT
WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, G-2
WASHINGTON, D. C.

File
4-12-39

August 26, 1939.

Mr. Clyde Tolson, Assistant Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tolson:

I have your letter of August 24, 1939, making application for a Reserve Commission in the Army, preferably in the Military Intelligence Division. I regret to say that at the present time no original appointments are being made in the MI-Reserve. However, should a national emergency arise, this may be changed. I note that you are 39 years of age which is over the age-limit for the MI-Reserve. However, this limitation may be waived in case of emergency.

I wish to assure you that we would be delighted to have you should it become possible for us to avail ourselves of your valuable services.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

E. R. W. McCabe

E. R. W. McCabe.
Colonel, General Staff,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

KSP:rb

February 17, 1939.

Mr. Clyde A. Tolson
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice.

Dear Mr. Tolson:

Your salary as Assistant to the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, is hereby increased from \$8500 per annum to \$9000 per annum in Grade CAF 15, effective March 1, 1939, payable from the appropriation for "Salaries and Expenses, Federal Bureau of Investigation," DEPARTMENTAL.

Respectfully,



Attorney General.

By the Attorney General:

(Sgd.) Matthew F. McGuire

Acting Assistant to the Attorney General.

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[Handwritten initials and marks]

EAT:DX

February 6, 1939

C. Tolson

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

For record purposes I desire to advise that on Wednesday, February 1st, Commander Nixon of Naval Intelligence, left at my office the attached list of Bureau personnel at the West of Government holding Reserve Officers commissions. Commander Nixon stated that predicated upon inquiries which I had made of him from time to time, he had discussed with Admiral Holmes which Bureau employees would be mobilized for active duty and which Bureau would be allowed to remain in the Bureau service or return to the Bureau after mobilization.

Commander Nixon stated that Naval Intelligence had decided that from the attached list of names it would be desired that Assistant Director C. A. Tolson and myself be mobilized and assigned to active duty at the office of Naval Intelligence. The Navy Department would waive the services of any other persons holding Reserve Commissions as indicated by the attached list and would defer to Mr. Hoover's judgment as to the personnel which he might desire to maintain or retain in the Bureau.

After discussing this matter with you I indicated to Commander Nixon that you considered the services of Mr. Tolson and myself as so essential to the Bureau in time of war that you could not release either Mr. Tolson or myself to the Navy Department but that you would be willing to release any others of the Reserve Officer personnel to the Navy Department in case of a national emergency. Commander Nixon stated that he would talk to Admiral Holmes, and subsequently contacted me and advised that the Navy Department would be willing to informally agree that Mr. Tolson or myself would not be mobilized in time of war but would be released from our Reserve commissions for service in the FBI. On the question of whether any written record of this arrangement would be made, Commander Nixon indicated that no written record would be made, and when I inquired as to the efficacy of such an agreement in view of the fact that the present officers of Naval Intelligence would undoubtedly be returned to other duties within a maximum period of three years, Commander Nixon stated that neither Mr. Tolson nor myself would be sent to any mobilization station. I pointed out to Commander Nixon that the Navy Department might leave our names out of the mobilization now, but the next group of officers of Naval Intelligence would include them.

No. This is not satisfactory. I cannot
give clearance to them for commission.
I will not clear any other applications
for Naval Reserve Commissions of Edward A. Tamm N
Respectfully,

EDWARD A. TAMM

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31 January 1939

MEMORANDUM:

1. Following are local members of the F.B.I. belonging to Naval Reserve (Intelligence):

BAICH, D. E., Lt.(jg)	HOTTEL, G. L., Lt.
BLACKBURN, W. G., Lt.	LAWLER, J. E., Lt.(jg)
CONNELIUS, A., Lt. (jg)	NITSCHER, I. E., Lt.
CROWL, A. H., Lt.	QUINN, T. D., Lt.
DONEGAN, T. J., Lt.	REID, J.E., Lt.(jg)
DRAYTON, S. J., Lt.(jg)	TAMM, E.A., Lt.Comdr (?)
FOXWORTH, P.E., Lt.	TAMM, Q., Lt.(jg)
GLAVIN, W. R., Lt.	THOMPSON, E.K., Lt.
HEAVRIN, L. H., (?)	TOLSON, C.A., Lt.Comdr.
HICKEY, F. H., Lt.Comdr.	TRACEY, S. J., Lt.Comdr.

2. Those listed below assigned to ONI quota - remainder in the District quota:

TAMM, E.A. Lt.Comdr.(?)	THOMPSON, E.K., Lt.	TRACEY, S.J., Lt.Comdr.
TOLSON, C.A., Lt.Comdr.		QUINN, T.D., Lt.
CROWL, A.H., Lt.		
DRAYTON, S.J., Lt.(jg)		

3. In order not to strip F.B.I. the following is suggested:

TAMM, E.A., Lt.Comdr(?)	especially desired.
TOLSON, C.A., Lt. Comdr.	especially desired.
FOXWORTH, P.E., Lt.	mobilized but released to F.B.I. until relieved.
QUINN, T.D., Lt.	} 1 to be mobilized, others to be released.
GLAVIN, W.R., Lt.	
CROWL, A.H., Lt.	

HOTTEL - Washington Field Office - to meet the approval of F.B.I. as to his release or mobilization.

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Form PR No. 1 revised

Bureau No. _____

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION SHEET

Name: Mr. Clyde A. Tolson

Date: February 17, 1939.

Present Status

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|--|---|
| 1. Title: Assistant to the Director | 2. Grade: Caf 15 |
| 3. Salary: \$8500 per annum | 4. Seat of Government: (X) BOG
Field: () |
| 5. Division: Assistant Director's Office | 6. Appropriation: "Salaries and Expenses,
Federal Bureau of Investigation" |

Proposed Change

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|---|--|
| 7. Title: Assistant to the Director | 8. Grade: Caf 15 |
| 9. Salary: \$9000 | 10. Seat of Government: ()
Field: () |
| 11. Division: Assistant Director's Office | 12. Appropriation: "Salaries and Expenses,
Federal Bureau of Investigation" |
| 13. Effective: March 1, 1939. | 14. Position: Additional: ()
Vice: |

15. Remarks:

Identical:

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CC: Miss Waddle
Chief, Audit Section

Respectfully submitted,
J. Edgar Hoover

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

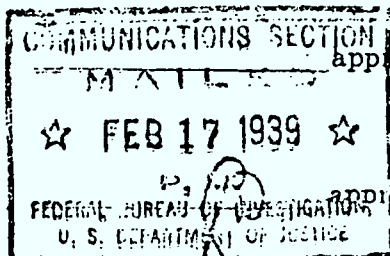
Requirements as to Classification Act:

Efficiency () _____

Date _____

Initial _____

Average provision () _____



approved: _____

✓ The Administrative Assistant
to the Attorney General.

Funds certification: _____

approved: _____

The Assistant
to the Attorney General.

Note: If more than one personnel change is proposed, schedule the same on a separate sheet under captions 1 to 15 above, and attach hereto.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

January 4, 1939

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with instructions contained in Section 36 of the Bureau Manual of Rules and Regulations, please be advised that my status with respect to the items listed below is as follows:

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|--|---|
| (A) Marital Status
(Married female employees
state husbands' place of
employment) | Single |
| (B) Names of societies or
organizations with which
connected: | Sigma Nu and Phi Delta Phi Fraternities;
Masonic Order; USNRC; member, IACP, IAI, IFF
Iowa Assn. of Chiefs of Police; Sheriffs &
Peace Officers Assn. of Okla., and Md. Police
Chiefs Assn. |
| (C) Legal residence: | Cedar Rapids, Iowa. |
| (D) Education: | A. B. and LL. B. Degrees from Geo. Wash. U. |
| (E) Name, address and relation-
ship of person to be notified
in case of emergency: | Mr. Hillory Tolson, Brother
1332 Farragut St., N. W.
Washington, D. C. |
| (F) List of names of any relatives
now in the Government service,
with the degree of relationship,
and where employed. (List all
relatives, including those by
marriage.) | 67- 270 x
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| (G) Offices where assignment preferred: | No preference. |

Very truly yours,

Clyde Tolson
Assistant Director

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

AHC:FYP

Washington, D. C.

December 12, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

This is to advise you that the records
of the Agents' Insurance Fund have been changed
to show that your beneficiary in this fund is
your estate.

Respectfully,

A. H. Crowl
A. H. Crowl

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L. H. J.

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nathan
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who has contributed to this fund and who may lose his life by violence in line of official duty, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY ORDER) the sum of ten dollars (\$10), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary; gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

The Director of the Bureau will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping, and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director of the Bureau in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of said Bureau shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director.

Upon the death of any Special Agent, the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. In the event of a finding that the death was by violence in line of official duty, appropriate instructions will be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the full amount of said fund as of the date of death.

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary:

Name Estate Address Washington Loan & Trust Co
Relationship West End Bldg
Washington DC

Very truly yours,

Ceyde A. Golson
Special Agent.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.**

CT:ACS

September 29, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

With reference to your letter of September 28, 1938, this is to advise that the writer holds the rank of Lieutenant Commander in the Naval Reserve of the United States Navy.

Respectfully,

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Clyde Tolson.

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EMPLOYEE: Tolson, C. C.

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INDIVIDUAL RECORD OF ABSENCE FOR THE YEAR 1929

DAY OF MONTH	JANUARY			FEBRUARY			MARCH			APRIL			MAY			JUNE			JULY			AUGUST			SEPTEMBER			OCTOBER			NOVEMBER			DECEMBER		
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INDIVIDUAL RECORD OF ABSENCE FOR THE YEAR 1932

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July 2, 1938

U. S. Employees' Compensation
Commission
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The following papers are forwarded herewith in
connection with an injury sustained by Mr. Clyde A. Tolson
of this Bureau on June 16, 1938, while in the performance
of his official duties:

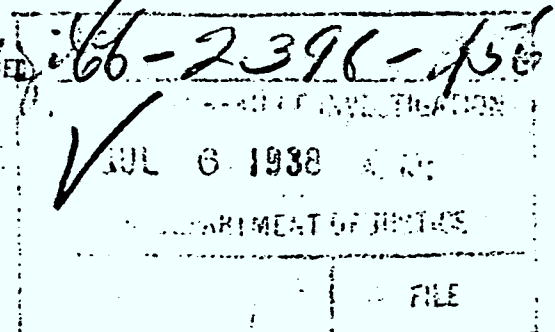
Employees' Compensation Commission forms
C. A. 1 and C. A. 2,
Photostatic copies of statements submitted by
James E. Crawford, Theodosius B. Kelton,
Edward F. Finnegan, and Mrs. Howard Peterson.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

2 ENCLOSURES
Enclosure -

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Dawsey.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Foxworth.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. McIntire.....
Mr. Nichols.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....



EMPLOYEE'S NOTICE OF INJURY AND ORIGINAL CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION AND MEDICAL TREATMENT

This is to certify that the undersigned, being an employee of the United States Government, has been injured in the performance of his duty, and that the injury is of such a nature as to require medical attention, and that the injury is of such a nature as to require compensation and medical treatment. The injury occurred on the 15th day of June, 1938, at the following place: 17th and Constitution Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C. The injury was caused by a government-owned car operated by James E. Crawford, which was struck from the rear by a truck belonging to the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey and operated by Madden Walton.

Washington, D.C.

Westchester Apartments

June 18

1938

I hereby certify that I was injured in the performance of my duty on June 15, 1938.

Attest:

James E. Crawford

The injury occurred at 17th and Constitution Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C.

In the following manner: Government-owned car operated by James E. Crawford was struck from the rear by a truck belonging to the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey and operated by Madden Walton.

Cause of injury: Generally taken up by force of impact.

Nature of injury: General shaking-up and bruises.

Name of witness to injury:

J. Edgar Hoover, James E. Crawford, F.B.I., Washington, D.C.
Mrs. Howard (Rae) Peterson, 1250 10th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.
Madden Walton, Norfolk, Md., and 23 Eye Street, S.E., Washington, D.C.
Edward Finnegan, Chief, Bureau, Navy Department, Washington, D.C.

I, the undersigned, do hereby give notice to the injury, and I give notice to the name of the person to whom the notice is given in this notice.

Mr. Hoover has read this notice and he is involved in the accident.

I hereby certify that I was injured in the performance of my duty, and that the injury is of such a nature as to require medical attention, and that the injury is of such a nature as to require compensation and medical treatment.

(Name)

June 18, 1938

Before compensation is paid, write claim in Form 1-3 and submit to the Commission.

Q And the Malawian officials should tell him what the witness saw personally, or if he did not see the injury occur, just what he knows about it and when and by whom the information was given him.

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OFFICE SUPERIOR'S REPORT OF INJURY

This report is to be filled out by the Commission on the part of the injured employee. It should be filled out by the injured employee or by a representative of the Commission for medical purposes. This form should be accompanied by U.S.A. 11

1. Department: U.S. Office 2. Bureau or office: B. I.
 3. Name of injured employee: Assistant to the Director 4. Location: Washington, D.C.
 5. Name of supervisor or person in charge when injury occurred: Redgar Hoover

6. Name of injured employee: W. J. Nelson 7. Age: 38 8. Sex: Male 9. Race: White
 10. Home address: Washington, D.C.
 11. Position: Assistant to the Director 12. Date of injury: June 15, 1938
 13. Date of report: June 15, 1938 14. Date of payment: None

15. Rate of pay: \$1000 16. Amount of injury: \$1000 17. Amount of payment: \$1000
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20. Place where injury occurred: U.S. Office, Washington, D.C.
 21. Date of injury: June 15, 1938 22. Day of injury: Wednesday
 23. Date of report: June 15, 1938 24. Date of payment: None
 25. Date of payment: None 26. Date of payment: None

27. Description of injury: Head and neck injury
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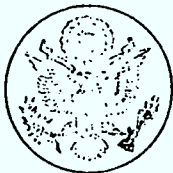
29. Did injury cause loss of any member or part of member? No
 30. Was employee injured while in performance of duty? Yes

31. Was injury caused by:
 (a) Willful misconduct of the employee? No (b) Intention of employee to bring about injury or death of another? No
 (c) Negligence of employee? No (d) Negligence of supervisor? No
 (e) Negligence of fellow employee? No (f) Negligence of third party? No

32. Name and address of physician attending injury: Dr. W. J. Nelson
 33. Name and address of physician attending injury: Dr. W. J. Nelson

34. How soon after injury? 10 days
 35. Name and address of physician attending injury: Dr. W. J. Nelson

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 37. Name and address of physician attending injury: Dr. W. J. Nelson



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to
PR 093.712/41

July 20, 1938

My dear Mr. Tolson:

Acknowledgment is made of the receipt of your letter of July 14, 1938 transmitting the decoration of the Order of the Star of Rumania, degree of Officer, conferred upon you by the King of Rumania. It is noted that no diploma accompanied the decoration.

In accordance with existing Constitutional and legislative provisions, this decoration will be held in the custody of the Department of State until such time as you may be in a position legally to accept it.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

Stanley Woodward

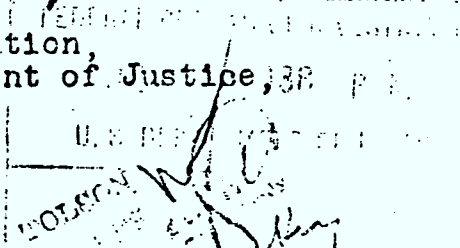
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Acting Chief, Division of Protocol

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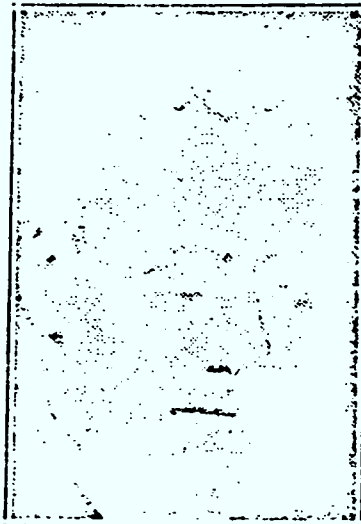
Mr. Clyde Tolson,
Assistant Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

JUL 28 1938

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**Tolson Decorated
By King Carol
Of Roumania**



CLYDE A. TOLSON.

Clyde A. Tolson, assistant director of the federal bureau of investigation, returned Monday to Washington after spending the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tolson, 524 Twelfth street SE.

Last week Mr. Tolson, his chief, J. Edgar Hoover, and Inspector W. H. Drane Lester of the FBI were decorated by King Carol of Roumania. Mr. Hoover was made a commander of the Order of the Star of Roumania, and Mr. Tolson a director of the same order. Inspector Lester was made an officer of the Royal Order of the Crown of Roumania.

The honors were conferred on the three men at the Roumanian legation by Minister Irimescu, who explained that his king desired to recognize the recipients' "meritorious services in the field of international police cooperation and collaboration."

CEDAR RAPIDS GAZETTE, MONDAY, JULY 11, 1938.

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July 7, 1933

Honorable Radu Irimescu
The Minister of Roumania
Royal Roumanian Legation
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Minister:-

I am indeed grateful to you for your kind
letter of June 30th informing me that His Majesty,
The King of Roumania, has bestowed upon me the Order
of the Star of Roumania, in the degree of Officer.

I am highly honored to have been the recipient
of this award and I shall await with pleasure further
word from you concerning arrangements for the presenta-
tion of the brevet and insignia.

I am, my dear Mr. Irimescu,

Very sincerely yours,

H. H. Tolson

Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Crowl	.....
Mr. Dancy	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Foxworth	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. McLaughlin	.....
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

Certificate in envelope in Confidential

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ROYAL ROUMANIAN LEGATION,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

No. 2830/P-32

June 30, 1938.

Sir:

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that His Majesty, The King of Roumania, has graciously bestowed upon you the Order of the Star of Roumania, in the degree of Officer, in recognition of your distinctive work at the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Within a few days, I will again communicate with you regarding the time when I shall have the pleasure to present the brevet and insignia to you personally.

Congratulating you on this well
merited distinction, I remain

Yours most sincerely,

Radu Irimescu,
Minister of Roumania.

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JUL 14 1933

Tolson Clyde, Esq., 67-9529-
Assistant to the Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

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** Tolson Admin. File*

Please be advised that Special Agent in Charge GUY HOTTEL and the writer are now residing at Apartment 515, MARLYN APARTMENTS, 39th and Cathedral Avenue, R. W. Mr. HOTTEL'S telephone number is CLEVELAND 7031 and my UNLISTED telephone number has been made available to you and to other interested officials at the Seat of Government.

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Mr. Nathan

Mr. Tolson

Mr. Egan

Mr. Clegg

Mr. Coffey

Mr. Glavin

Mr. Ladd

Mr. Nichols

Mr. Rosen

Mr. Tracy

Mr. Carson

Mr. Hendon

Mr. Lester

Mr. Quinn

Mr. Nease

Mr. Gandy

CLYDE TOLSON.

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I telephoned the Secretary to the Minister of Roumania today, who stated that the Minister was in Baltimore but that she would speak to him upon his return tonight and would let us know whether the Minister could visit your office tomorrow for the purpose of presenting the awards to you and to the writer which have been bestowed by His Majesty, The King of Roumania .

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CLYDE TOLSON.

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
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- Mr. Crowl
- Mr. Dawsey
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Foxworth
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Lester
- Mr. Mellette
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Gurney

WASHINGTON DC

JUNE 9 1938

J EDGAR HOOVER

ROOM 1300 BISCAYNE BLVD MIAMI FLA

I CONGRATULATE YOU AND YOUR ASSOCIATES MOST HEARTILY ON YOUR SUCCESS IN THE CASH KIDNAPING CASE. IT WAS A BRILLIANT PIECE OF WORK. PLEASE CONVEY MY PERSONAL APPRECIATION AND THANKS TO STATES ATTORNEY C A BOWEN JR TO D C COLEMAN, SHERIFF OF DADE COUNTY, AND THEIR ASSISTANTS WHO COOPERATED SO INDUSTRIOUSLY WITH YOU. I AM ALSO COMMENDING THE EXCELLENT WORK OF YOUR ASSISTANT CLAY A. BOWEN AND THAT OF INSPECTOR E J CONNELLEY AND SPECIAL AGENT JESSE GUNTER AND THE OTHER FBI MEN WHO WORKED ON THE CASE. I DESIRE TO EXPRESS ALSO TO THE CITIZENS OF THE COMMUNITY MY SOUND APPRECIATION FOR THE THOROUGH AND GENEROUS MANNER IN WHICH THEY CONTRIBUTED TO THE SOLUTION OF THE CASE. THE RESULT IS A STRIKING ILLUSTRATION OF WHAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH THE COOPERATION OF FEDERAL AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES WITH THE UNWOLUNTERED ASSISTANCE OF THE PUBLIC.

HOMER CUMMINGS.

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Miami, Florida
June 9, 1938

Honorable Homer S. Cummings
Attorney General
Washington, D. C.

Dear General:

It is most difficult for me to express in words my appreciation for the fine telegram which you sent today to those of us in the FBI who have been working upon the Cash kidnaping case. All of the agents and employees are highly grateful for your thoughtfulness and kind words of commendation. State's Attorney Worley and Sheriff Coleman and their aids are likewise appreciative and Messrs. Tolson, Connelley, and Gurnea have asked me to express to you their thanks also.

While this has been an unusually tough case, and certainly in a section of the country where the climate at this time of year is far from that which one would willingly seek, we were determined to win out in the case, and we have. This we could not have done, as I have so often told you, had we not known and had the fine support that you have always extended to the FBI.

Expressing my very best regards and all good wishes to Mrs. Cummings and you, I am,

Sincerely

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June 10, 1938

Mr. Clyde A. Tolson
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

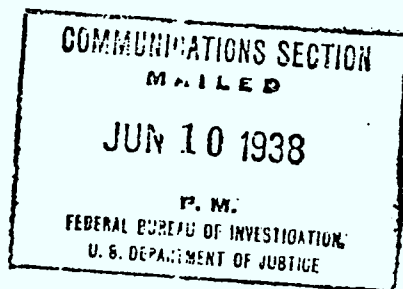
Dear Mr. Tolson:

This will acknowledge receipt of your contribution of \$10 to the fund to be paid to the designated beneficiary of any participating Special Agent of the Bureau who may lose his life by violence in the line of official duty.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who has contributed to this fund and who may lose his life by violence in line of official duty, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY ORDER) the sum of ten dollars (\$10), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

The Director of the Bureau will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping, and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director of the Bureau in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of said Bureau shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director.

Upon the death of any Special Agent, the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. In the event of a finding that the death was by violence in line of official duty, appropriate instructions will be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the full amount of said fund as of the date of death.

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary:

Name Mrs. J. W. Tolson Address 524- 12th Street, S. E.,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
Relationship MOTHER

Very truly yours,

Ceyde A. Tolson
Special Agent

The Assistant to the Director.

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April 1, 1938.

Mr. Robert B. Davis,
Metropolitan Supply Company,
602-616 Third Street, S.E.,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Davis:

Your letter of March 23, 1938, for the attention of Assistant Director Clyde A. Tolson, has come to my attention.

I was very much interested to hear that you are preparing a school year calendar record to be furnished to educators in Iowa and Illinois. May I advise that the booklet "How to Fight Crime" is issued by Mrs. William Brown Meloney, Editor of "This Week" magazine, 420 Lexington Avenue, New York City. I am sure that Mrs. Meloney will be pleased to cooperate with you in furnishing this booklet to the educators you have mentioned in your letter. I am enclosing a copy for your perusal and I am today advising Mrs. Meloney of your request.

I am also enclosing several booklets dealing with the work and functions of the FBI which I thought might be of assistance in the preparation of your calendar record.

May I express my appreciation for your kind commendation of Mr. Tolson's address before the Lions Club at Cedar Rapids.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Primer on Crime Control
The Federal Bureau of Investigation
The Selection and Training of Personnel
Criminal Identification and the Functions
of the Identification Division
The Technical Laboratory
Uniform Crime Reports, Vol 8 #4
Crime's Challenge to Society
Public Duty in Law Enforcement

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METROPOLITAN SUPPLY COMPANY
602-616 Third Street, S.E.
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

March 25, 1936

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Attention of Mr. Clyde Tolson

Dear Mr. Tolson:

I was recently reading a copy of a supplemental newspaper magazine and noticed that the Federal Bureau of Investigation offered free to those readers who cared to write in for it, a copy of "How to Fight Crime."

At the present time I am engaged in preparing a school year calendar record which is mailed to twenty-five hundred educators in both Iowa and Illinois, and in this calendar I am using quite a bit of statistical information on crime. After reading this article it came to my mind that this calendar, perhaps, would be a very good spot to mention that this book was available and would be furnished free of charge to all educators who wish to use it either as a text or a general source of information on crime.

If this meets with your approval, could I kindly have a word from you along this line, and assure you we will certainly cooperate in offering this book to superintendents of schools and teachers. At the same time, I wish you would enclose a copy of it for our perusal.

Hope the next time you come to Cedar Rapids you will get in touch with me, as the talk you gave before the Lions Club here was certainly well received and, as a matter of fact, they are still referring to it as one of the finest talks we have ever had.

I am, With best wishes for your continued success,

Very truly yours, s/ Robert B. Davis

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February 14, 1938.

Mr. Clyde A. Tolson,
The Westchester Apartments,
Washington, D. C.

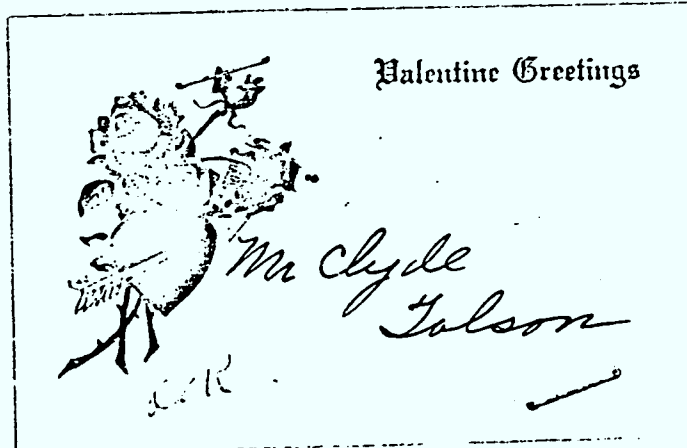
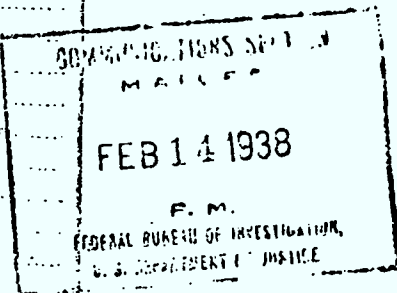
Dear Clyde:

Mother was quite pleased with the
beautiful Valentine flowers which you sent her
and asked me to tell you much she appreciates
your remembrance of her on this occasion.

Sincerely,

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Cowley
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Foxworth
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- Miss Gandy



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February 12, 1938.

Mr. William P. Rutledge,
Executive Vice President,
International Association of
Chiefs of Police,
Wyandotte, Michigan.

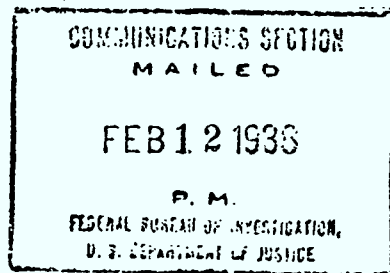
Dear Mr. Rutledge:-

In reply to your letter dated February 5,
1938, please be advised that I do not desire to renew
my membership in the International Association of
Chiefs of Police.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Signed "Clyde Tolson"



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New Orleans, Louisiana

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1827 Orrington Avenue
Evanston, Illinois

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE



850 EAST 58TH STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

February 5, 1938

C. Tolson

Dear Member:

In accord with provisions of the new IACP constitution, adopted in Baltimore at the 1937 convention, and rules adopted by the Executive Committee, all membership records are now maintained in the IACP's Headquarters Office here in Chicago. Under this new set-up we have compiled an individual dues record card for each member and this makes possible the systematic rendering of statements for dues in the future so that each member will be properly informed of the status of his membership.

From the records on hand we have compiled the enclosed statement of your dues. If it does not correspond with receipts or canceled checks held by you, we will greatly appreciate your furnishing us with the information which will enable us to adjust the account.

The expenses of the Headquarters Office, the monthly News Letter, Yearbook, and other services planned for members during the coming year are now paid out of revenues derived from membership dues and advertising in the Yearbook. Prompt payment of dues by members will therefore not only make possible the continuance of these valuable services, but also permit an enlarged program of Association activities for increased services to you.

Sincerely yours,

William F. Rutledge
Executive Vice-president

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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE
Headquarters Office
850 East 58th Street - Chicago, Illinois

TO Assistant Director Clyde Tolson
Division of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Date: FEB 8 - 1938

Annual Membership Dues* for period ending Apr. 30, 1938 \$10.00

*Includes subscription to monthly Police Chiefs'
News Letter and the IACP Yearbook

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(67-561-M-69) January 4, 1938.

Dr. Eugen Bianu,
Directiunea,
Generala a Politiei Statului,
Cabinetul S. Directorului General,
Bukarest, Roumania.

Dear Doctor Bianu:

I was delighted to receive your good letter of December 13, 1937, as well as your card of Season's Greetings.

I am glad to know that you found some pleasure in your all-too-short visit to the FBI in Washington, for the occasion of being with you and the other members of the International World Police here is one that will long stand out in my memory, as being most pleasant.

I was touched to read of the high honor which His Majesty The King has so generously bestowed upon me as Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and upon my Assistants, Mr. Glyde A. Tilton and Mr. W.H.D. Lester, whose designations are Assistant Director and Inspector, respectively. I know that you are responsible in no small degree for this distinction and I want you to know that I am most grateful to you for your interest.

Many thanks for your autographed photograph. It is a gift which I shall always treasure as a constant reminder of a much-valued friendship.

With expressions of my good wishes and very best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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Ministerul de Interne
Directiunea Generala a Politiei
Cabinetul Directorului General

Bukarest, December 13th, 1937

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Happily returned at home, I remember by this time again, delightfully, the laps of time spend together, with the irretrievable grief that this pleasure has been too brief.

I must express you again my most warm thanks for your most gracious endearings towards me, also for the pictures so prettily transmitted, as for the fine elocutions of your letter of the 8th November, which has been handed me by the attendance of our New York consulate.

Mean while, I must communicate you that the call of the conspicuous chief of the laboratory of your institution, Mr. Coffey, occasioned me also a new gladness. During four days, whilst we could have him as our guest, had been shown to him every weighty things that are to be seen, and yesterday, to the great regret of his colleagues, who were so delighted to accompany him during his abode here, he went on his journey towards the Polish metropolis.

Now, Dear Mr. Hoover, I have the immense joifulness to announce you that His Majesty The King, our Great Sovereign, in token of high valuation of your great merits, got by your extraordinary contribution, brought-by the magisterial fight against the criminalness-to the welfare of the mankind, very graciously, has been pleased to grant you the high distinction: the commandery Cross of the order "Steaua Romaniei" (The Star of Roumania). To both your meritorious assistants, His Majesty has been pleased, also, to grant them, as yet, the following high distinctions, what is to say, appointing Mr. C. Tolson officer of the "Steaua Romaniei" (The Star of Roumania) order, and Mr. H. Lester, officer of the "Coroana Romaniei" (Crown of Roumania) order.

I take advantage of the occasion of that verily well deserved high distinction to beseech you to allow me to be the first for giving you the most sincere and warm congratulations and votive offerings for a good health and long life, in order to be able to serve as much contented your fatherland and human society!

The respective badges and diploma will be handed by our embassy or consulate thence, without delay, as soon as they will be arrived.

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As conclusion, I beseech you to accept - as a revenge for your photography dedicated to me, from me, accordingly, my picture with the same words of sincere affection towards you.

Giving you the best votive offerings for Christmas-Carol and the New Year, I hardly expect the time when I shall be able to have the pleasure to greet you as our welcome guest.

In the expectation of that epoch so much hoped for, I am
your very affectionately

s/ E.BIANCHI

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January 4, 1938

Mr. R. W. Heberger,
Editor,
The Iowa Sheriff,
523 Flynn Building,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Heberger:

I have received your letter of December 28, 1937, in which you commend Mr. Clyde W. Tolson, Assistant Director of this Bureau, for the occasion of his address before the joint meeting of the County Attorneys' Association of Iowa and the Iowa State Sheriffs' Association on December 15, 1937, in Des Moines.

It is gratifying indeed to learn that Mr. Tolson's address was so favorably received and I am glad to know that his attendance at the Instruction Manual School of Instruction of your Association grew out of the confidence in the organization also is evident. It is that attitude which must be maintained if we of the law enforcement profession are to effectively cope with our criminal problems. It was a pleasure, I assure you, to make Mr. Tolson available to the Iowa State Sheriffs' Association on that occasion, and I want you to know how appreciative I am to receive your kind offer to be of service to the Special Agents of this Bureau in their official duties.

Please be assured that it is our sincerest desire to cooperate with you and the members of your Association in all matters of mutual interest and obligation.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

CC - Mr. Tolson
Des Moines

IOWA STATE SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

THE IOWA SHERIFF

R.W. Webergall, Editor.

Business Office
523 Flynn Building
Des Moines, Iowa.

John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bur. of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Our Thirteenth Annual School of Instruction is now history and I am taking this first opportunity following its close to express to you our sincere appreciation for your ever present willingness to cooperate with our organization.

Through your kindness we were privileged to have Clyde Tolson with us and hear a very able address from him. His presence and his address contributed very materially to the success of our Annual School. The appearance of such high type men as Clyde Tolson before the Sheriffs of Iowa does much to build a feeling of friendliness for and confidence in the organization they represent.

At any time the writer personally or the Iowa State Sheriffs' Association can be of service to you individually or to the Federal Bureau of Investigation we trust that you will feel free to call on us.

With kind personal regards and Best Wishes of the Holiday Season, I am

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Cordially and Sincerely yours,

/s/ R. W. WEBERGALL

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THE FBI PLEDGE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Humbly recognizing the responsibilities entrusted to me, I do vow that I shall always consider the high calling of law enforcement to be an honorable profession, the duties of which are recognized by me as both an art and a science. I recognize fully my responsibilities to defend the right, to protect the weak, to aid the distressed, and to uphold the law in public duty and in private living. I accept the obligation in connection with my assignments to report facts and to testify without bias or display of emotion, and to consider the information, coming to my knowledge by virtue of my position as a sacred trust, to be used solely for official purposes. To the responsibilities entrusted to me of seeking to prevent crime, of finding the facts of law violations and of apprehending fugitives and criminals, I shall give my loyal and faithful attention and shall always be equally alert in striving to acquit the innocent and to convict the guilty. In the performance of my duties and assignments, I shall not engage in unlawful and unethicial practices but shall perform the functions of my office without fear, without favor, and without prejudice. At no time shall I disclose to an unauthorized person any fact, testimony, or information in any pending matter coming to my official knowledge which may be calculated to prejudice the minds of existing or prospective judicial bodies either to favor or to disfavor any person or issue. While occupying the status of a law enforcement officer or at any other time subsequent thereto, I shall not seek to benefit personally because of my knowledge of any confidential matter which has come to my attention. I am aware of the serious responsibilities of my office and in the performance of my duties I shall, as a minister, seek to supply comfort, advice and aid to those who may be in need of such benefits; as a soldier, I shall wage vigorous warfare against the enemies of my country, of its laws, and of its principles; and as a physician, I shall seek to eliminate the criminal parasite which preys upon our social order and to strengthen the lawful processes of our body politic. I shall strive to be both a teacher and a pupil in the art and science of law enforcement. As a lawyer, I shall acquire due knowledge of the laws of my domain and seek to preserve and maintain the majesty and dignity of the law; as a scientist, it will be my endeavor to learn all pertinent truth about accusations and complaints which come to my lawful knowledge; as an artist, I shall seek to use my skill for the purpose of making each assignment a masterpiece; as a neighbor, I shall bear an attitude of true friendship and courteous respect to all citizens; and as an officer, I shall always be loyal to my duty, my organization, and my country. I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same, and will constantly strive to cooperate with and promote cooperation between all regularly constituted law enforcement agencies and officers in the performance of duties of mutual interest and obligation.

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January 12, 1938
Date

Ceyde A. Tolson
Name
Assistant Director
Title
FBI
Law Enforcement Organization.

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January 3, 1938.

Dr. Eugen Bianu,
Sous Directeur Generale de Police,
Bucharest, Roumania.

C. Tolson

Dear Dr. Bianu:-

I am indeed appreciative of your kind letter of December 12th and for your advice that His Majesty, The King, has awarded to me the Star of Roumania with the degree of officer. I am indeed honored to have been the recipient of this award.

Also, I am grateful to you for sending me the autographed photograph, which will always serve as a pleasant reminder of our friendship.

With expressions of my highest esteem and kind regards,

Sincerely,



MINISTERUL DE INTERNE
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CABINETUL DIRECTORULUI GENERAL

Bukarest, December 14th. 1937.

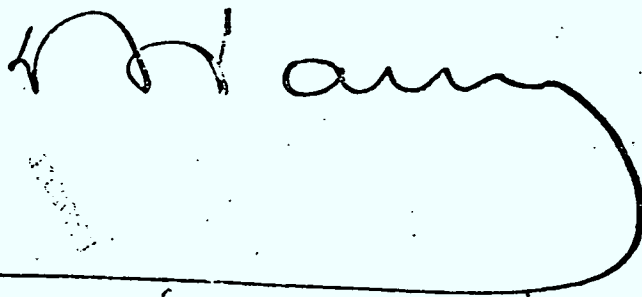
Dear Mr. Tolson,

Renewing so many thanks for the kindness you have had for me, during the short so charming lapse of time when I was the guest of your great chief, Mr. Hoover, I am much pleased to announce you that His Majesty The King, our Great Sovereign, has been pleased, very graciously, to grant you- for your prodigious assistance, as the first coadjutor of your eminent chief- the high distinction "Steaua României" (The Star of Roumania) with the degree of officer.

With that occasion, let me express you my bustling thanks.

The respective badges and diploma will be handed to you by our embassy thence as soon as they will be received.

Joining my asked photography, with many votive offerings for Cristmas, I remain yours sincerely



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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

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Washington, D. C.

12-31-37

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with instructions contained in Section 35 of the Bureau Manual of Rules and Regulations, please be advised that my status with respect to the items listed below is as follows:

- (A) Marital status: Single
- (B) Names of societies or organizations with which connected: (Sigma Nu and Phi Delta Phi Fraternities; (Mason; Lieut.-Commander, U.S.NR.; member (IAI; member, Advisory Board, IWP; Honorary (Member, Iowa Assn. of Chiefs of Police; (Honorary Member, Sheriffs and Peace Officers (Assn.; Honorary Member, Md. Police Chiefs (Assn.
- (C) Legal residence: Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- (D) Education: Graduate, Laredo, Mo., High School; Cedar Rapids Business College A. B., George Washington University, 1925. LL. B. " " " 1927.
- (E) Name, address and relationship of person to be notified in case of emergency: Mr. Hillory A. Tolson, (Brother) 1332 Farragut St., N. W., Washington, D. C.
- (F) List of names of any relatives now in the Government service, with the degree of relationship, and where employed. (List all relatives, including those by marriage.) Mr. Hillory A. Tolson, brother, employed in National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

(G) Offices where assignment preferred: None.

Very truly yours,

Ceyde A. Tolson

December 29, 1937.

Mr. Clyde A. Tolson,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Clyde:

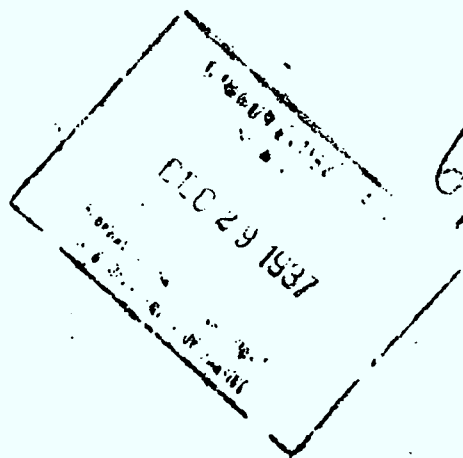
I thought you might like to have the attached photograph taken of the Executive Conference around the Christmas tree which the Bureau sponsored this year.

I also want you to know how deeply I appreciate your untiring efforts in making the first Annual Christmas tree of the Bureau such a success.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely,

Enclosure



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October 28, 1937.

Mr. Clyde A. Tolson,
Assistant Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Clyde:

I do want to thank you for your untiring efforts in effecting arrangements for the visiting members of the International World Police in Washington yesterday.

Your interest in making the plans for this occasion and your helpful assistance yesterday morning and during the tour were appreciated indeed.

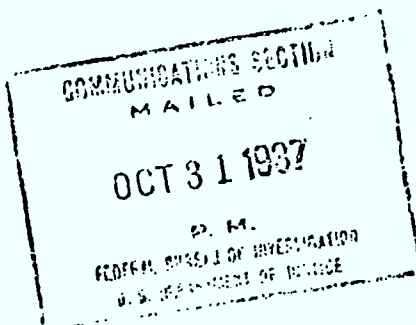
Under separate cover I am sending you a set of the photographs which were taken during the visit of the delegates.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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LBN:IJ

October 13, 1937.

Mr. Clyde A. Tolson,
Assistant Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Clyde:

Now that the conventions are over and we have a little breathing spell, I want to take this opportunity of expressing to you my appreciation for the efficient manner in which the Press Committee of the 23rd Annual Convention of the International Association for Identification functioned under your direction. Many fine comments have come to my attention on the manner in which your committee functioned, and I do want you to know how deeply I appreciate your untiring efforts and assistance.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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October 6, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. H. J. McCLURE,
GENERAL AGENT

There are transmitted herewith expense vouchers submitted by Mr. Clyde A. Tolson, Mr. Guy Hottel, and myself, covering a period from September 2, 1937, to September 26, 1937, from which it will be observed certain travel was performed via several airlines.

Please be advised that this means of travel was utilized inasmuch as common carrier facilities would not have sufficed under the circumstances.

You are also advised that the excess baggage, for which charges appear in Mr. Tolson's voucher, consisted of official business with which we were engaged.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director

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August 30, 1937

Mr. Clyde A. Tolson,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tolson:

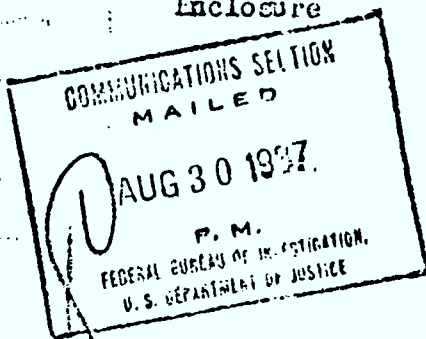
I am enclosing a letter from the Attorney
General transferring you from the position of Assistant
to the Director in the field, to the position of
Assistant to the Director at the seat of government,
effective August 23, 1937.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Enclosure



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

CBS:MM

August 23, 1937

To Mr. Clyde A. Tolson,

Federal Bureau of Investigation,

Department of Justice.

Sir:

You are hereby transferred from one position to another in the Federal Bureau of Investigation as indicated below:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Position Asst. to the Director,	Position Asst. to the Director,
Grade CAF 15	Asst. Director's Office.
Salary \$8500	Grade CAF 15
Appropriation "Salaries and Expenses, Federal Bureau of Investigation," Field.	Salary \$8500
	Appropriation "Salaries and Expenses, Federal Bureau of Investigation," Dept. Effective August 23, 1937.
	To succeed New position. Approved 8/24/37.

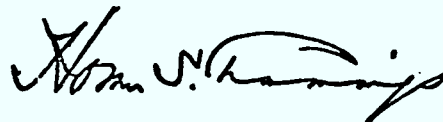
~~You should execute the required oath of office.~~

Respectfully,

By the Attorney General:

(Signed) Joseph B. Keenan

Assistant to the Attorney General.



Attorney General.

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August 2, 1937.

Mr. Clyde A. Tolson,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Clyde:

I thought you might like to have the
attached photograph of the Executive Con-
ference which was taken in my office on July
26, 1937.

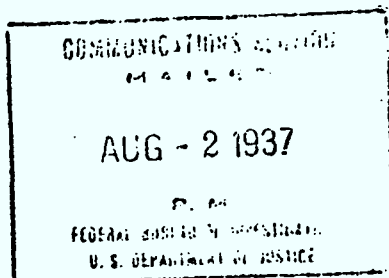
With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Edgar Hoover

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.
July 29, 1937.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In pursuance of the instructions contained in
Section 35 of the Manual of Rules and Regulations, I am sub-
mitting below my personnel status report: 28 ✓

- (a) Single
- (b) Masonic Order
Sigma Nu Fraternity
Phi Delta Phi Fraternity
Lieutenant-Commander, U. S. Naval Reserve Corps
International Association of Chiefs of Police
Iowa Association of Chiefs of Police
Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association of Oklahoma
Maryland Police Chief Association
International Association for Identification
- (c) Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- (d) A. B.-1925 - George Washington University
LL. B. - 1927 - George Washington University
- (e) Mr. Hillory A. Tolson, Brother,
1332 Farragut St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.
- (f) Mr. Hillory A. Tolson (Brother)
Assistant Director,
National Park Service,
Department of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.
- (g) No preference

Respectfully,

Clyde Tolson
Clyde Tolson.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

July 28, 1937

8:30 pm

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Mr. Tolson's broadcast was
excellant. Reception was good.

Mr. Tolson sounded as tho
he weighed 250 pounds. In comparison
with Mr. Kling it was much deeper and
of greater volume.

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*Just the old slugger
at his best.*

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION SHEET

Name: **Mr. Clyde A. Tolson**

Date: **July 21, 1937.**

Present Status

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Title: Assistant to the Director | 2. Grade: Caf 15 |
| 3. Salary: \$3500 per annum | 4. Seat of Government: ()
Field: (F) |
| 5. Division: | 6. Appropriation: "Salaries and Expenses,
Federal Bureau of Investigation" |

Proposed Change

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| 7. Title: Assistant to the Director | 8. Grade: Caf 15 |
| 9. Salary: \$3500 per annum | 10. Seat of Government: ()
Field: () |
| 11. Division: Assistant Director's Office | 12. Appropriation: "Salaries and Expenses,
Federal Bureau of Investigation" |
| 13. Effective: August 1, 1937 | 14. Position: Additional: ()
Vice: A new position created |

Identical:

15. Remarks:

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CC: Miss Waddle
Chief, Audit Section

Respectfully submitted,

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Requirements as to Classification Act:	Efficiency ()	Date	Initial
	Average provision ()		

approved: _____
The Administrative Assistant
to the Attorney General.

Funds certification:

approved: _____
The Assistant
to the Attorney General.

Note: If more than one personnel change is proposed, schedule the same on a separate sheet under captions 1 to 15 above. and attach hereto.

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CLYDE TOLSON, ASST. DIRECTOR

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

THANKS FOR YOUR WIRES I MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR COURTESY
AND PATIENCE WHICH NEWS MEN DO NOT ALWAYS GET FROM BUSY PEOPLE
IN HIGH PLACES THIS BUSINESS OF CHASING THE NEWS
WOULD BE A WHOLE LOT MORE PLEASANT IF THERE WERE A FEW MORE

C. O. TOLSON'S ARROUND REGARDS

ERIC HUTTON TORONTO STAR

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Remind me to call him when I return.
J.E.H.

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June 9, 1937.

Mr. Clyde A. ^QTolson,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tolson:

This will acknowledge receipt of your contribution of \$10 to the fund to be paid to the designated beneficiary of any participating Special Agent of the Bureau who may lose his life by violence in the line of official duty.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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[Signature]

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For inclusion in the fund to be paid to the widow or designated beneficiary of any Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who has contributed to this fund and who may lose his life by violence in line of official duty, I am forwarding herewith (by CHECK - MONEY ORDER) the sum of ten dollars (\$10), made payable to the Chief Clerk of said Bureau, to be included in said fund. It is understood and agreed that the sum tendered herewith is a voluntary, gratuitous contribution to said fund, which I understand is to be administered in the following manner:

The Director of the Bureau will appoint a committee which shall consider all matters pertaining to the acquisition, safe keeping, and expending of said fund, which committee will recommend appropriate action to the Director of the Bureau in pertinent matters. The Chief Clerk of said Bureau shall receive all contributions and account for same to the Director.

Upon the death of any Special Agent, the appointed committee will consider the case and submit a recommendation to the Director as to its conclusions. In the event of a finding that the death was by violence in line of official duty, appropriate instructions will be issued to the Chief Clerk, directing him to pay to the designated beneficiary the full amount of said fund as of the date of death.

The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary:

Name Wm J. W. Talson Address 524 12th Street S E
Relationship mother JUN 10 1937. Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Very truly yours,

Ceyde A. Talson
Special Agent.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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The following person is hereby designated as my beneficiary:

Name Mrs. Joaquin M. Tolson Address 524 12th St., S. E., Cedar Rapids, Ia
Relationship Mother

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Special Agent.
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION SHEET

Name: Mr. Clyde A. TolsonDate: April 27, 1937Present Status

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|--|---|
| 1. Title: <u>Assistant to the Director</u> | 2. Grade: <u>G-15</u> |
| 3. Salary: <u>\$25.10 per annum</u> | 4. Seat of Government: ()
Field: (<u>F</u>) |
| 5. Division: | 6. Appropriation: "Salaries and Expenses,
Federal Bureau of Investigation" |

Proposed Change

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| 7. Title: <u>Assistant to the Director</u> | 8. Grade: <u>G-15</u> |
| 9. Salary: <u>\$20.00 per annum</u> | 10. Seat of Government: ()
Field: (<u>F</u>) |
| 11. Division: | 12. Appropriation: "Salaries and Expenses,
Federal Bureau of Investigation" |
| 13. Effective: <u>May 1, 1937</u> | 14. Position: Additional: ()
Vice: |

Identical:

15. Remarks:

67-9524-247CC: Miss Waddle
Chief, Audit Section

Respectfully submitted,

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Requirements as to Classification Act:

Efficiency () _____

Date _____

Initial _____

Average provision () _____

approved:The Administrative Assistant
to the Attorney General.

Funds certification:

approved:The Assistant
to the Attorney General.

Note: If more than one personnel change is proposed, schedule the same on a separate sheet under captions 1 to 15 above, and attach hereto.

67-9524-247133

April 13, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR H. L. CLAVIN

The following officials at the Seat of Government are presently in grade GS-13, or over:

NAME	GRADE	SALARY
Clegg, H. H.	14	7500
Coffey, E. P.	13	5800 -6000
Lyons, J. W. (A)	14	7000
Foxworth, F. L. (A)	13	5800 -6000
Glavin, E. L. (A)	13	5800 -6000
Harbo, L. T.	13	5800 -6000
Lester, W. H. A.	14	6500 -7000
Nelson, H.	14	7500
Quinn, T. L.	14	7500
Reid, L. C.	13	6200
Tamm, E. A.	14	7500
Tolson, C. A.	15	8500 -9000 (Director)
Tracy, E. J.	13	5800 -6000

Respectfully,

E. L. Glavin

Suggest promotions,
as indicated,
effective May 1, 1937

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February 3, 1937.

Mr. Clyde A. Tolson,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

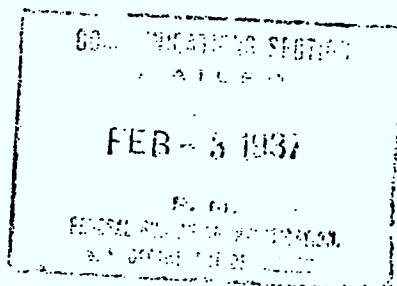
Dear Mr. Tolson:

It is with pleasure that I am enclosing a
letter from the Attorney General advising you of your
promotion from \$8000 per annum to \$8500 per annum, in
Grade Caf 15, effective January 1, 1937.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Encl. #1036300.



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January 1, 1937.

Mr. Clyde A. Tolson,
c/o Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice.

Dear Sir:

Your salary as Assistant to the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, is hereby increased from \$3000 per annum to \$3500 per annum in Grade G-15, effective January 1, 1937, and payable from the appropriation for "Salaries and Expenses, Federal Bureau of Investigation", FIELD.

Respectfully,

(Sgd) Homer S. Cummings,

Attorney General.

By the Attorney General:

(Signed) Joseph B. Keenan

Assistant to the Attorney General.

JHM:HCB

January 18, 1937.

Mr. Clyde A. Tolson,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tolson:

I have been somewhat delayed in writing an expression to you of my official commendation of the efficient and courageous manner in which you performed your duties on the evening of December 14th and the early morning of December 15th last, at the time Harry Brunette was apprehended by the representatives of our Bureau. You were assigned an important part to carry out in the apprehension of this widely sought fugitive, and characteristic of your reputation in the FBI, you performed all duties assigned to you upon that occasion in a complete and efficient manner. You were subjected during the course of this raid to great physical danger, and you measured up to the high standard expected of all men of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Your courage and fearlessness upon this occasion are to be highly commended.

It was a pleasure to have you associated with me upon this occasion, and the results obtained by all the representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at this particular time, I believe reflect credit to the Department of which we are a part.

Cordially yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Jones
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease
Mr. Gandy

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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January 9, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In pursuance of the instructions contained in Section 35 of the Manual of Rules and Regulations, I am submitting herewith my personnel status report:

- a. Single
- b. Sigma Nu Fraternity
Phi Delta Phi Fraternity
Masonic Order
Member, IACP.
- c. Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- d. Laredo, Missouri, High School
Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Business College
Received LL. B. from George Washington Univ., 1927
Received A. B. from George Washington Univ., 1925
- e. Hillory A. Tolson, brother,
1332 Farragut Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.
- f. Hillory A. Tolson, brother, Dept. of the Interior.
- g. No preference.

Respectfully,

Clyde^Q Tolson.

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EMPLOYEE: Tolson, Clyde A.

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AMERICAN PARENTS BLAMED FOR CRIMINAL YOUTH

By C. William Duncan

CLYDE T. TOLSON, who is Assistant Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the right-hand man of J. Edgar Hoover, charges many American parents for being responsible for criminal youth.

"One of the great fields of battle is in the American home. There indeed is a place of endeavor where education against crime should be carried on," says Mr. Tolson.

"It is a terrifying fact that many parents must turn to the mirror to find the true reason why their boy or girl has been engulfed in crime. All too often they fail in their responsibilities."

Why?

Failure to instill right thinking and the right attitude toward the possessions of others. The father whose child hears him constantly talking of gambling, of envying notorious crooks for their money or gloating over the fact that a gangster has evaded the law, is himself committing a crime in that he is guiding his listening child along the same path followed by the gangster.

"The father is wittingly or unwittingly painting a picture of romance. He is placing in that child's brain the thought that he can get away with crime; that it can be made to pay and is an easier course than honesty," asserts Mr. Tolson.

"The fatuous mother who would rather play bridge intemperately than stand guard over the morals or associates of her daughter has no excuse whatever when that daughter, without parental guidance strays into the cheap dance hall, roadside tavern or cocktail bar and eventually finds herself the paramour of a crook.

"Such parents are accomplices of crime.

"They, through their negligence, have opened the door wide to thoughts of thievery and law evasion. They have made crime something to stir the imagination of youth, something to be emulated, and it is their fault when the child becomes a member of the neighborhood gang, when he first robs a store and then engages in a hold-up. Or he may become the boy

who pulls the trigger when the storekeeper is held up and resists, and may find himself charged with murder.

"The parents may wonder how it happened; they cannot understand it. But they must be made to understand it. They must be made to realize that a home is, after all, a cradle of endeavor. It can be good endeavor or bad endeavor as the parents care to make it."

Assistant Director Tolson says crime is indelible, leaving vicious scars both for the perpetrator and the victims. The progress of youth from his first semi-innocent participation in the minor infractions of a street-corner gang through the juvenile courts, higher places of justice, reformatories, penitentiaries and perhaps to the execution chamber is such, he says, that it seems to contaminate every one with whom the victim comes in contact—the innocent as well as the guilty.

"LET us look at the career of an ordinary boy who dreams of some day becoming a notorious gangster. First of all there are the worried, harried days and nights his parents, if they are the right kind and do worry about him, know he is lying about his activities," continued Mr. Tolson, a trimly built, alert man who has a splendid record in the FBI.

"Stealthiness develops, evasiveness, vagueness concerning his movements. Suddenly there comes the shocking discovery that he is arrested for a crime. This immediately throws a shadow upon the entire family.

"The sisters and brothers, in school or at their jobs, feel the effects of what has happened. Those who are being educated know that their fellow classmates look upon them with suspicion because their brother has been arrested. Those who are working wonder if their employer will distrust them.

"The agony caused by crime cannot be computed in dollars and cents. It is a matter of spiritual expense and exhaustion brought about by the activities of major criminals."

When a youth commits a murder, for instance, the entire resources of his family must be assembled to pay for his defense.

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"CRIMINAL lawyers are retained. Their eager hands reach out for the proceeds of mortgages, withdrawn savings accounts, for the hard-earned dollars which have been put away by various members of the criminal's family as protection against a rainy day," the Assistant Director went on.

"Now these vital funds must be used in an attempt to save a guilty person from just and lawful punishment. Every member of the family must pay toll to crime in anguish because he has been unfortunate enough to be tied by blood to a person who lost respect for law."

There is another side to it, the side of the victim. His life is suddenly ended and the happiness of his family smashed to nothingness by the jangle of a telephone bell and the voice of a police officer telling that murder has been committed.

Murders are not planned for the benefit of the victim. No thought is taken of the possible financial condition of the victim's family. There is no consideration as to whether there may be money with which to pay the funeral expenses; cash with which to fortify the survivors against hunger.

C O P Y

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December 8, 1936

Mr. James A. Cochrane,
Pennsylvania Bank Building,
Chester, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Cochrane:

Your letter addressed to Mr. Clyde A. Tolson dated November 30, 1936, has come to my attention.

Your commendatory remarks concerning the personnel of this Bureau are most deeply appreciated and I want you to know that it was a pleasure to make the facilities of this Bureau available to you upon your recent visit. Mr. L. E. Nichols has advised me of the enjoyment he derived from his association with you while you were here.

It was most kind of you to extend to Mr. Tolson an invitation to visit you when he is next in Philadelphia and I know if the opportunity presents itself he will be sure to call upon you.

So that you may receive Uniform Crime Reports and other publications as they are released from this Bureau, I am taking the liberty of placing your name on our mailing list.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

CC Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nichols

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JAMES A. COCHRANE
ATTORNEY AT LAW
Chester, Pennsylvania

November 30, 1936

Mr. Clyde A. Tolson,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Clyde:

I have planned for the past ten days to write you to extend my appreciation to you and to your efficient assistant, Mr. Lewis Nichols, for the courteous treatment accorded Mr. James McCarroll and myself when we called to see you on our recent trip to Washington.

I was greatly impressed with the tour of inspection through your Department that we made in the afternoon and I marvel at the caliber of the personnel in your Department and complete divorcement from party influence which is so characteristic of your Department. I am putting it mildly when I say your personal success is the bright spot of the entire Department.

I know you are working at a terrific clip but when you are next in Philadelphia be sure to call me and I should love to have you come out for dinner and spend the night, which at least will be a change from hotel fare.

With very best wishes, I remain

Sincerely

S/
James A. Cochrane

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November 20, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

The Executive Conference considered the suggestion advanced by Mr. Tolson that in the future in submitting field efficiency rating forms that these rating forms be submitted under a cover letter listing all persons on whom the efficiency ratings are being submitted.

It was pointed out to the Conference that if this is done, it will simplify the task of checking these ratings as they are received in the Bureau.

The following were present at this Conference: Messrs. Tolson, Nathan, Foxworth, Schilder, Tamm, Clegg, and Glavin.

Respectfully,
For the Conference,

Clyde Tolson,
Chairman.

T. D. Quinn,
Secretary.

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November 10, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

There are here submitted two lists of the Officials at the Seat of Government in Grades Caf 12 and higher, one arranged alphabetically and one arranged according to Grade, together with their assignment, grades and salaries:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>		
Appel, C. A.	Laboratory	Caf 12	5200	- Rec. 5400	JEH
Baughman, T. F.	Laboratory	Caf 12	5400		
Clegg, H. H.	Division Six	Caf 14	7000	7500	JEH
Coffey, E. P.	Laboratory	Caf 13	5800	5800	"
Egan, J. S. (A)	Division Two	Caf 14	7000		
Foxworth, P. E. (A)	Division Two	Caf 12	5000	5400	"
W. R. Glavin, (A)	Chief Clerk	Caf 12	5400	Caf 13, \$5600	"
Harbo, R. T.	Statistical Section	Caf 12	5400	Caf 13, \$5600	"
Hince, L. A.	Division Six	Caf 12	4800	5000	"
Hoover, J. E.	Director	Caf 16	10,000		
Lester, W. H. D.	Division Six	Caf 13	6400	Caf 14, \$6500	"
Nathan, H.	Ident. Division	Caf 14	7500		
Pennington, L. R. (A)	Division Two	Caf 12	5200		
Quinn, T. D.	Division Four	Caf 14	7000	7500	"
Schilder, L. C.	Ident. Division	Caf 13	6400		
Tamm, E. A.	Division One	Caf 14	7000	7500	"
Tolson, C. A.	Asst. to the Director	Caf 15	8000	8500	"
Tracy, S. J.	Director's Office	Caf 12	5400	Caf 13, \$5800	"

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Hoover, J. E.	Director	Caf 16	10,000
Tolson, C. A.	Asst. to the Director	Caf 15	8000
Clegg, H. H.	Division Six	Caf 14	7000
Egan, J. S. (A)	Division Two	Caf 14	7000
Nathan, H.	Ident. Division	Caf 14	7500
Quinn, T. D.	Division Four	Caf 14	7000
Tamm, E. A.	Division One	Caf 14	7000
Coffey, E. P.	Laboratory	Caf 13	5800
Lester, W. H. D.	Division Six	Caf 13	6400
Schilder, L. C.	Ident. Division	Caf 13	6400
Appel, C. A.	Laboratory	Caf 12	5200
Baughman, T. F.	Laboratory	Caf 12	5400
Foxworth, P. E. (A)	Division Two	Caf 12	5000
Glavin, W. R. (A)	Chief Clerk	Caf 12	5400
Harbo, R. T.	Statistical Section	Caf 12	5400
Hince, L. A.	Division Six	Caf 12	4600
Pennington, L. R. (A)	Division Two	Caf 12	5200
Tracy, S. J.	Director's Office	Caf 12	5400

Respectfully,

W. R. Glavin.

*Thames to
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*Thames to Tracy
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION SHEET

Name: Mr. Clyde A. Bolton

Date: November 16, 1936

Present Status

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| 1. Title: Assistant to the Director | 2. Grade: Caf 15 |
| 3. Salary: \$8000 per annum | 4. Seat of Government: ()
Field: (F) |
| 5. Division: | 6. Appropriation: "Salaries and Expenses,
Federal Bureau of Investigation" |

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| 7. Title: Assistant to the Director | 8. Grade: Caf 15 |
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Field: (F) |
| 11. Division: | 12. Appropriation: "Salaries and Expenses,
Federal Bureau of Investigation" |
| 13. Effective: January 1, 1937 | 14. Position: Additional: (-)
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Identical:

15. Remarks:

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CC: Miss Waddle
Chief, Audit Section

Respectfully submitted,

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Requirements as to Classification Act:	Efficiency () _____	Date _____	Initial _____
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approved:

The Administrative Assistant
to the Attorney General.

Funds certification:

approved:

The Assistant
to the Attorney General.

Note: If more than one personnel change is proposed, schedule the same on a separate sheet under captions 1 to 15 above, and attach hereto.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

November 12, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

A review of the leave records of this office indicates that through November you will have accrued 63 days and 4 hours of annual leave, and through the end of this calendar year you will have 65 days and 6 hours of accrued annual leave. As you know, as of January 1, 1937 all leave over 60 days will be automatically deducted from your accrued leave.

The above is being submitted for your information.

Respectfully,

W. R. Glavin
W. R. Glavin.

*Approved for file
H. J. Glavin
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67-9524-74 November 20, 1936.

Mr. R. H. Fitzan,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Police Officers Relief Association,
435 West Bay Street,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Mr. Fitzan:

Your letter of November 13, 1936,
has been received and I want you to know how very
much I appreciate your commendation of my address
entitled "Youth and Crime" which was recently
delivered before the Chicago Boys' Club Dinner at
Chicago, Illinois.

You are also very gracious in your
commendation of Assistant Director Clyde A. Tolson
and the work which he in the Bureau are attempting
to do to combat organized crime and reduce juvenile
delinquency.

It is indeed very encouraging to
observe that during the past several months our young
men and women have been displaying an increased respect
for the law enforcement officer. This undoubtedly will
have a salutary effect upon the crime conditions in the
years to come.

With best wishes and kind regards, I

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Sincerely yours,

CC-MR. TOLSON

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POLICE OFFICERS
RELIEF ASSOCIATION

433 West Bay Street
Jacksonville, Florida

Greensboro, N.C.
November 13-th' 36.

B. M. Witman,
433 West Bay St.
Jacksonville, Fla.

John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

Your inspiring address "Youth and Crime" as delivered by you before the Chicago Boys Clubs at Chicago was forwarded from Buffalo, N.Y. and received by the writer today. This message "Youth and Crime" should go far in the interest of crime prevention among the youth of America.

Mr. Clyde A. Tolson, in your department delivered an address before the Iowa State Teachers Ass'n. in Oskaloosa, Iowa, last April - which was forwarded to me. At that time I believe that I suggested that Mr. Tolson should be awarded a medal for his work. While I am still in favor of awarding the medal - I am lost in selecting a right and proper recognition for your splendid effort in the interest of our youth. Thoughts that the boy on the street is now a G-man, is a happy one and fuel for further inspiration.

Thanking you for a very fine article, I am

Yours very truly,

S/ B. M. Witman

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

TDC:RCL

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
October 6, 1936.

Handwritten signature/initials

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON.

With regard to Mr. Suydam's inquiry of last evening concerning the report received from the United Press to the effect that you had been shot in New York City, this is to advise that I called Mr. Suydam and informed him that the report was absolutely baseless inasmuch as the Bureau had been in communication with the Director within the past 30 minutes.

Respectfully,

Handwritten signature of T. D. Quinn
T. D. Quinn.

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Handwritten initials: Jp, H m, and a flourish

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

CT:MAM

August 14, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I would like to suggest that the present procedure followed by the Accounting Division in reducing the efficiency ratings of accountants, as made by field supervisory officials, be discontinued, and that the practice of writing to the employee advising him that his rating has been reduced here at the Seat of Government be stopped. I think the accountants' efficiency ratings should be handled in the same manner as the ratings of the agents. In other words, we are in a position here to determine, on the basis of the numerical rating, and also the comments of the rating officer whether the employee is properly entitled to a promotion. It seems to me that the present practice leads to ill feeling on the part of field employees, and that if the Accounting Division here is to determine the efficiency ratings of these employees, there is little value in having the field officials submit such ratings. In the event any particular field supervisory official gives either too low or too high ratings, I think that is a matter to be taken up with the field official on a general basis rather than to make individual reductions in ratings of employees, and to advise them accordingly from Washington.

Respectfully,

Clyde Tolson.

I agree.
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August 25, 1936.

Mr. Rhea Whitley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
607 Court House Building,
Foley Square,
New York City.

C. A. Tolson

Dear Mr. Whitley:-

I am enclosing the Emergency Service Card which was issued to me by the New York Police Department and which expired on June 30, 1936. There are also enclosed the cards issued to Mr. Harold Nathan, Mr. C. A. Tolson, and Mr. H. H. Clegg. It is suggested that you return these cards to the New York Police Department.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure #821302.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
607 U. S. Court House
Foley Square
New York, N. Y.

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July 2, 1936.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing herewith your Emergency Service card of the New York City Police Department which expires December 31, 1936, I am also enclosing Service Cards for the following Bureau officials:

Mr. Harold Nathan
Mr. C. A. Tolson
Mr. H. H. Clegg

It is requested that the cards previously issued to you and the other Bureau officials, which expired June 30, 1936, be returned to me in order that they might be returned to the New York Police Department.

The enclosed Service Cards were obtained through the courtesy of Colonel Harold Foster, First Deputy Commissioner, New York City Police Department, and it is suggested that you might desire to address a letter to him, thanking him for his cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

R. WHITLEY
Special Agent in Charge.

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CLYDE TOLSON
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

August 15, 1936.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

I have just received your letter of August 14th and I sincerely appreciate your action in recommending me for an increase in salary. I shall endeavor in every way possible to justify the confidence which you have indicated in me by taking this action.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Clyde Tolson

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

I, Clyde A. Tolson do solemnly

swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of

Assistant to the Director

on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

(Sign here) Clyde A. Tolson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this) Where born (State only) _____

_____ 15th day) Date of birth _____

of _____ August A. D. 193 ⁶) Whence appointed:

State _____ County _____

Congressional District _____

Edward A. Thison

Notary Public

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Date of entry upon duty JUL 1 1936

Residence The Westchester, Washington, D. C.

Do you receive an annuity under the
Civil Service Retirement Act? No

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August 14, 1936.

Mr. Clyde A. Tolson,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tolson:

It is with pleasure that I am enclosing
a letter from the Attorney General advising you
of your promotion from \$7500 per annum in Grade
Caf 14, to \$8000 per annum in Grade Caf 15,
effective July 1, 1936.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure #1114111.

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"THE ATTORNEY GENERAL"
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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July 1, 1956.

To Mr. Clyde A. Tolson
Federal Bureau
~~Investigation~~
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby transferred from one position to another in the
Federal Bureau
Federal Bureau of Investigation as indicated below:

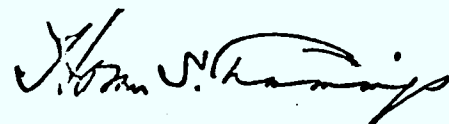
	<u>FROM</u>		<u>TO</u>
Position	Assistant Director	Position	Assistant to the Director
Grade	CAF 14	Grade	CAF 15
Salary	\$7500 per annum	Salary	\$8000 per annum
Appropriation	"Salaries and Expenses, Federal Bureau of Investigation, FIELD."	Appropriation	"Salaries and Expenses, Federal Bureau of Investigation, FIELD."
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You should execute the required oath of office.

Respectfully,

By the Attorney General:
Linton M. Collins



Attorney General.

Acting Assistant to the Attorney General.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 17, 1936.

67-021-16

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Presentation and substance of talks made by officials and supervisors of Bureau attending or speaking before SAC Conference - Conferences with the - Recommendations as to their speaking ability.

I think that the six best speakers from among the personnel at the Seat of Government to appear before the SAC Conference are as follows: L. C. Schilder, H. H. Clegg, Harold Nathan, R. T. Harbo, P. E. Foxworth and L. R. Pennington.

In summarizing, I believe that six of the above mentioned speakers, as indicated, are especially effective and that probably ten more officials and employees at the Seat of Government can make creditable speeches with several of them showing definite possibilities of rapid development if given sufficient opportunity.

Respectfully,

S/ W.H.D.Lester

W.H.D.Lester

NOTE: There are some excellent suggestions in this. Particularly we should develop some of the latent material of Wash. It is more than I suspected was available.

J. E. H.

"
G. M. Tolson"

Mr. Joseph informs me that the audience reaction to Mr. Tolson's talk has been good all the way through. I did not get to hear Mr. Tolson's talk before the SAC Conference but know that he is capable of giving a very interesting talk, especially before highly educated groups. I recommend that he be designated to give talks before practically all types of audiences, especially those that are highly educated.

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JULY 15, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In accordance with your suggestion, I am submitting the following observations with reference to the lecturers before the Special Agents in Charge School:

Mr. Tolson:

Subject Matter: Excellent; Delivery: Somewhat too formal, lacking in illustrations and insufficient time allowed for the Special Agents in Charge to take full notes. His presentation was unassuming, quiet and dignified, but if the more difficult points could have been illustrated by some brief reference it would not only have cleared up the points but likewise allow time for the Special Agents in Charge to make the proper notes of what was being said. Several of the Special Agents in Charge informed me that they could not take the detail notes of the instruction as rapidly as the various important notes were announced. His speech was not too rapid but it was so full of substance that the different points were announced in too rapid succession.

H.H. Clegg.

67-05-92

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

CT:ACS

July 13, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Following is my personal status report which is being submitted in pursuance of instructions contained in the Manual of Rules and Regulations:

- (a) Single
- (b) Sigma Nu Fraternity
Phi Delta Phi Fraternity
Masonic Order
Lieut-Com., U. S. Naval Reserve Corps
Columbia Country Club, Chevy Chase, Md.
International Association of Chiefs of Police.
Iowa Association of Chiefs of Police
Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association of Oklahoma
Maryland Police Chiefs Association
- (c) Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- (d) Graduate of Laredo, Mo. High School
Attended Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Business College
A. B. Degree - George Washington University, 1925.
LL. B. Degree - " " " 1927
Member D. C. Bar - admitted 1928.
Admitted to practice before U. S. Supreme Court - 1935.
- (e) Hillory A. Tolson, brother,
1332 Farragut Street, N. W., 67-9524-237x
Washington, D. C.
- (f) Hillory A. Tolson, brother,
Assistant Director, National Park Service,
Department of the Interior.
- (g) None

Respectfully,

Clyde Tolson.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 2, 1936.

WRG:AM

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Re: Retirement

I have had a check made of your retirement payment, and desire to advise you that in the event the retirement age is placed at sixty-two years, you will have had paid in to the retirement fund an amount of \$8,989.94. Your contribution would have accumulated interest in the amount of \$10,463.54, making a total to your credit of \$19,453.48. Computing your annuities, it is found you would receive an annuity of approximately \$2,532.83 a year.

I desire to advise you that computations forward from June 30, 1936, have been computed on a basis of \$8,000 per annum.

Respectfully,

W. R. Glavin.
W. R. Glavin.

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[Signature]

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June 30, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

There is transmitted for appropriate action a personnel recommendation with reference to the following individual:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Mr. Clyde A. Tolson	Assistant Director, Caf 14, \$7500 per annum	Assistant to the Director, Caf 15, \$8000 per annum

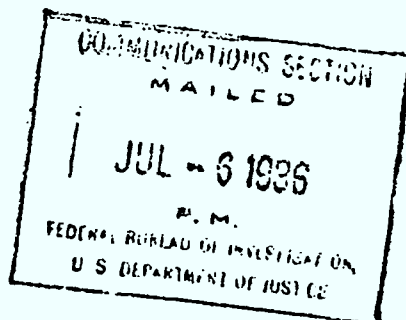
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Encl. #303036.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION SHEET

Bureau No. _____

Name: Mr. Charles A. Tolson

Date: June 30, 1936

Present Status

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| 1. Title: Assistant Director | 2. Grade: GS-14 |
| 3. Salary: \$11,000 per annum | 4. Seat of Government: ()
Field: () |
| 5. Division: | 6. Appropriation: "Salaries and Expenses,
Federal Bureau of Investigation" |

Proposed Change

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| 7. Title: Assistant to the Director | 8. Grade: GS-14 |
| 9. Salary: \$11,000 per annum | 10. Seat of Government: ()
Field: () |
| 11. Division: | 12. Appropriation: "Salaries and Expenses,
Federal Bureau of Investigation" |
| 13. Effective: July 1, 1936 | 14. Position: Additional: ()
Vice: |

Identical:

15. Remarks:

Respectfully submitted,

CC: Miss Waddle
Chief, Audit Section

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

		Date	Initial
Requirements as to Classification Act:	Efficiency ()	_____	_____
	Average provision ()	_____	_____

_____ approved: _____
The Administrative Assistant
to the Attorney General.

Funds certification:

_____ approved: _____
The Assistant
to the Attorney General.

Note: If more than one personnel change is proposed, schedule the same on a separate sheet under captions 1 to 15 above, and attach hereto.

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FROM
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO

OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

Mr. Nathan	()
Mr. Tolson	()
Mr. Clegg	()
Mr. Appel	()
Mr. Baughman	()
Mr. Coffey	()
Mr. Edwards	()
Mr. Egan	()
Mr. Foxworth	()
Mr. Glavin	()
Mr. Harbo	()
Mr. Joseph	()
Mr. Keith	()
Mr. Lester	()
Mr. Quinn	()
Mr. Schilder	()
Mr. Tamm	()
Mr. Tracy	()
Secretary	()
See Me	()
Prepare Reply	()
For Your Information	()
Note and Return	()
File	()

Remarks:

I would like to have Tolson listed for me. He is in the vicinity of Wash. D.C. & vicinity.

J. E. H.

REF

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CR:ACS

April 27, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I should like to submit for your consideration a suggestion for a plan of action to be followed by the Bureau in dealing with crime situations in various parts of the United States. It is believed that the Bureau would benefit materially by the institution of a plan on a so-called "flying squadron" basis, under which agents could concentrate in a particular city over a period of three or four weeks with a view to terminating cases developed in all phases of its work on a particular day in that particular locality. In other words, it is felt that the Bureau should select a number of cities in which crime conditions are known to be bad and to concentrate on the solution of Federal violations in one particular city at a time. It is believed that this plan should be followed out by the assignment of an Inspector in charge of the entire squad with six or eight men in the city over a period of two or three weeks in an undercover capacity and approximately the same number of agents working openly on complaints pending in the city. By this course, the consummation of all pending cases in a particular locality, by presentation to the Grand Jury on a particular day regardless of the various types of violations involved. Such information as is developed by the agents pertaining to violations of law which do not come within the jurisdiction of the Bureau, I believe, on the same date be transmitted to the appropriate official - the Mayor or Chief of Police - for local action. I think the Director of the Bureau should personally be in the selected city at the time of the completion of the survey with a view to furnishing information to the press with regard to the information developed by the agents pertaining to Federal violations.

I believe that if this plan were adopted and carried out in various cities of the country, the deterrent effect of the fear of the activities of this Bureau would be worth more than the actual results obtained in the way of indictments and convictions. Furthermore, I believe that such a plan would be received enthusiastically by the American public as a further indication of the efficacy of the Bureau in dealing with the crime situations. Under this suggested plan, all more or less routine presentations to the Grand Jury in connection with cases handled by Special Agents regularly assigned to the city under survey investigation would be thrown in with the specially developed cases consummated by the special squad.

I think this plan might well be tried with regard to certain cities of the country known to possess reputations for being lax in so far as criminal activities are concerned, such as Toledo, Reno, Kansas City, Miami, Sioux City, Cleveland, and Hot Springs. There are, of course, others which should be considered in the event this plan is to be adopted.

Respectfully,

Clyde Tolson.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

5/16/36.

Mr. Hillory A Tolson called and
desired to be informed as to the
Duchess. Stated he read Winchell's
column this morning.

I told him I did not know anything
about it except that I had heard
that the Duchess is very charming
and that Mr. Clyde Tolson's face
is very red.

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WALTER WINCHELL

Memos of a Dignified Girl Friday

Dear Mr. W.: Talk about street scenes—this happened in front of the Paradise the other night. . . The most famous man in America paused to slip some coins in a blind mendicant's cup. . . The beggar's dog leaped on the famous man, nearly throwing him. A huge crowd collected—but the Great Man was not recognized by a soul. He was Major Bowes! . . . With a radio rating, no less!—the word. . . If you hear about a party Davis being at a Hartford house—she's not the movie star—she was in "The Ladies" with Hepburn. . . Did you hear anything about Mr. Hoover's assistant, Clyde Tolson, and a Duchess in Washington being very very? . . . F. P. A. phoned. Said he didn't say it and that Lou Holtz wasn't there. He demands a retraction, unless you've run out of them. . . I like Phil Dwyer's suggestion for these mag ads, showing girls in corsets or undies, to sell "Advertisements."

Have a Thumball criticism of Nazanova in "Ghosts"—Bess makes the heart grow fonder. . . And of Leo Reisman—the fellow with the New Masses haircut. . . D. A. Davidson, the reporterial ace, is suing The Savoy in Harlem for 10 Gs—he was socked there by one of the management, he alleges. . . Tommy Lyman, one of your favorites, is at Le Mirage, the former Josephine Baker scene. . . Milt Gross was in. Said you gave orchids to the Times' caption "Saga of the Gaga" (Gai Benchley's book) and that considering how well you liked it—he used it three years ago over a cartoon. . . Ruth Etting guested for Dick Humber's orchestra tonight. . . I saw the preview of "The Moon's Our Home" with Margaret Sullivan—it is a gay thing, light, but packed with entertainment. It also contains some excellent sequences and is blessed with Dorothy Parker wit.

I heard a good sequel to George Bernard Shaw's well-known quip. One of Dietrich's pictures, not her latest, was previewed. The author went around looking pretty glum. His pals tried to cheer him up by telling him it could have been worse. . . "Do you really think so?" he almost wept. "Sure," one of them comforted, "they might have used Marlene's script and your legs" . . . Heywood Brown was in the store last night all spruced up. His suit was neatly pressed, and you could have cut a cake with the crease in his trousers. . . "Gosh!" gosh'd a reporter, "I wonder where he's going?" . . . "Probably," said Herbert Swope, "to a masquerade." . . I think the George Jean Nathan piece is very good. Why don't you run it tomorrow?

Our Newest Paper, daily and Sabbath, is the Herald in Anderson, Ind. . . The rumor that Rubinoff is going to marry that girl from Dallas is around again. . . Wonder why clever Bobby Ereen is exploited by that film firm and Eddie Cantor as an orphan? . . . Bobby's friends in Montreal are angry about that. say it is cheap, considering he has a healthy and husky set of parents. . . Saw a preview of MGM's "Speed." Patricia Wilder, the "Honeychile" of the radio, strikes me as a genuine screen discovery—it's her initial screen effort, you know. . . Harry Richman's sister, Clara Reichmann, was secretly sealed to Jack Newmark, the ad man, six weeks ago. . . Medora Roosevelt is asking everybody if they know the difference between a dumb girl and a smart girl. . . The answer is: "A smart girl knows she is blessed-eventing before Winchell does!"

Minor & Root are clicking big with their ballroom dancing in London at the Mayfair. The

place bills the dancing hit Six of the che Toes" have shelve pounds—or walk it jobs. . . Is the Village too take my gen Nonna Cree whose dad own and Jerry Tl in a wedding-chot Tone w stage for th scene will be Country Club. The show will "The Enchant chot's leading Crawford.

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May 6, 1936.

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Mr. Clyde A. Tolson,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tolson:

I want to take this occasion to extend to you both my official and personal commendation, not only of the excellent, but intelligent and courageous manner in which you handled the apprehension of Alvin Karpis and Fred Hunter at New Orleans on last Friday, May 1st. It was another indication of unselfish devotion to duty, and I was indeed proud to be associated with you upon the occasion when these arrests were made.

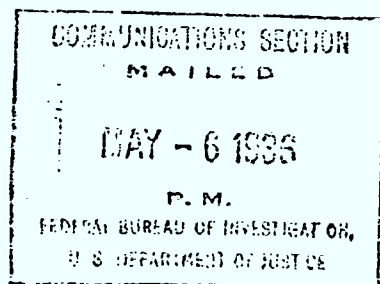
With expressions of my very best regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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May 6, 1936.

Mr. Harold M. Paulson,
Williamsburg, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Paulson:

I have received your letter dated April 27, 1936, in which you commend Assistant Director Clyde A. Tolson of this Bureau for the Address which he delivered before the Iowa State Teachers Association, at Oskaloosa, Iowa.

I am deeply appreciative of your commendatory statements concerning Mr. Tolson's personality and ability, and I am certainly pleased to learn that his address so favorably impressed you.

Your name is being placed on the mailing list to receive future general releases, and copies of Uniform Crime Reports. I am enclosing the following literature which I believe will be of interest to you:

Addresses delivered by the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, before the Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association of Oklahoma, at Tulsa, Oklahoma, on January 13, 1936; before the Round Table Forum at New York City, sponsored by the New York Herald-Tribune, on March 11, 1936; and before the annual convention of The Daughters of the American Revolution, at Washington, D. C., on April 23, 1936
Uniform Crime Reports, Volume VI, Number 4
The Federal Bureau of Investigation

I shall be glad to forward to you extra copies of any of the above publications which you desire.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director

Enclosure 585314
CC Mr. Harbo
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Williamsburg, Iowa.
April 27, 1936.

Mr. G. Edgar Hoover
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

During the first part of April I had the good fortune to attend an Iowa Teachers' Meeting at Oskaloosa, Iowa. One of your agents, Mr. Clyde Tolson, addressed us.

Your department should be congratulated on having a man of Mr. Tolson's personality and ability to present facts to a group of teachers. The week before I heard Mr. Rainny speak in our school on the crime situation in the United States today. He had with him an array of whips and other forms of punishment used in prisons. Psychologically speaking I do not believe that presenting such facts to students will prevent crime and make them better students and citizens. The following week, after hearing Mr. Tolson speak, I gave a summary of Mr. Tolson's speech to my classes, in order to let the students know that certainty of punishment is to be considered rather than severity.

In addition, Mr. Tolson gave me a bulletin on the work of the Department of Justice. My students also read it and found it much worthwhile. Kindly place my name on your mailing list for any literature you might have that could be read by high school students.

Again I want to congratulate you on the talk given by Mr. Tolson. What we need is more of the information given in the speech at Oskaloosa. The only way such information can be secured is to have men of character and resourcefulness address us.

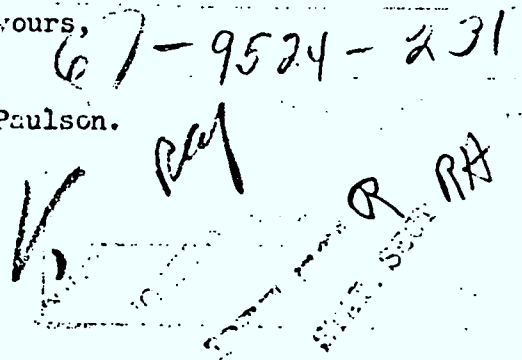
Sincerely yours,

Harold M. Paulson

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Harold M. Paulson.

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Muscatine, Iowa
April 22, 1936.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This letter is to acknowledge with thanks your autographed photo and enclosures of literature concerning your department. This courtesy on your part is deeply appreciated.

I wish to take this opportunity to also thank you and commend to you the work of Mr. Clyde Tolson, Assistant Director, who was in our city a few days ago and spoke to the children in our Sixth, Seventh and Eight grades, a total of about Three Hundred and Seventy-Five pupils.

In spite of the fact that it was Mr. Tolson's Fifth appearance of the day, he talked to our group for an hour after which there was a series of questions asked. Then he obligingly remained and autographed for at least Two Hundred children.

Mr. Tolson, through his pleasing personality and mastery of details concerning his work, made a wonderful appeal to both boys and girls, and did more in a short while to impress upon these children that "Crime does not pay", than we could hope to teach by our regular methods in a much greater length of time.

We are unanimously agreed that Mr. Tolson's appearance here is one of the high lights of our school year.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ P. H. Willey, Prin.
Jefferson-Jackson Schools

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 4, 1936.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

During the conversation had with Mr. Tolson today he mentioned the success he is having in delivering speeches and states that on Tuesday afternoon he is going to talk before the Parent-Teachers Association at Cedar Rapids. He stated that he has already talked before the Junior Chamber of Commerce and will go on the radio Sunday afternoon for a period of fifteen minutes. He stated that he had received 14 proposals and I suggested to him that he tell these fourteen individuals that they should go home and get their bank books in order that they might be investigated.

He stated that they are having a regular blizzard there; that it was awfully cold and snowing hard. He stated that he had heard that Special Agent in Charge Dowd had given a talk before a school and that he was a very poor speaker; that his subject was "Federal Jurisdiction" and was entirely over the heads of the student body. Mr. Tolson believes we should have someone listen to Mr. Dowd give a talk, possibly Mr. Lester, and that while he is being observed by some of the Bureau officials, this should be unknown to Mr. Dowd; that if his talk is not satisfactory, no further addresses should be made by him.

I would go a step further than Mr. Tolson's suggestion and recommend that Special Agent in Charge Dowd not be assigned to give any more public addresses.

Respectfully,

T. D. Quinn.

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Let Mr. Dowd

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April 27, 1936.

Mr. Lyman C. Hedge,
Secretary,
Burlington Kiwanis Club,
Burlington, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Hedge:

I have your letter of April 19, 1936, in which you express your appreciation for having Assistant Director Clyde A. Tolson of this Bureau as speaker before the joint Kiwanis Dinner Meeting sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Burlington, Iowa.

I want you to know how deeply Mr. Tolson and I appreciate the resolution of your club and your pledge of cooperation to this Bureau which you enclosed with your letter.

Needless to say, it was a pleasure for me to make Mr. Tolson available for this occasion.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

CC - Mr. Tolson.

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Ben Lington, Iowa.

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My dear Mr. Hoover:

There were about one hundred and fifty present at this meeting including members' wives and guests.

Sincerely yours,

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by the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, and the Bureau of Reclamation, and the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, and the Department of the Navy, Bureau of Naval Facilities.

IT IS FURTHER REPORTED, THAT THE SAID KENNETH CLARK HEREBY
 HEREBY CERTIFIES THE APPLICATION TO DR. J. D. HOGAN HOGAN FOR

But in the Atlantic City of Washington, Iowa, on the 9th day of
April, 1936,

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HE IS RECORDED, BY THE KENNEDY CLUB OF BURLINGTON, IOWA,

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THE CITIZENS A PEARL
FOR THE Y. M. C. A.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

Baltimore, Maryland Plaza 4691

April 2, 1936

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I want to thank you for the efficient cooperation of your Bureau in solving for us the situation which threatened to mar seriously our dinner at the Belvedere Hotel, Tuesday night, March 31.

We were all distressed, of course, that such a departmental faux pas was committed, but we were entirely unaware of the policy outlined by your assistants and quite understand, now that it has been brought to our attention, how troublesome similar progress would become if many organizations requested two speakers from the Department of Justice.

Mr. Tolson and Mr. Quinn were most helpful and considerate and Inspector Childer's graphic speech immediately captured the interest of the guests.

Thanking you again personally and in behalf of the Y. M. C. A., I am

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Francis A. Davis.
President

Young Men's Christian Association

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March 4, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN
"TOLSON"
EDWARDS
CLEGG

Referring to my memorandum of January 31, 1936, in which I directed that the Assistant Directors personally inspect all rooms and offices of their Divisions once every two weeks, I desire to receive a report immediately from each of you as to the results of the inspection which you were instructed to conduct. Hereafter, you will submit to me, immediately following each inspection, a report of the same.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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COMMISSION GOVERNMENT
Watkins Overton, Mayor
MEMPHIS, TENN.

January 30, 1936.

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

This acknowledges with thanks, the receipt of your letters under date of January 22nd, 24th and 27th respectively.

It was a pleasure to have had the opportunity to publish the address of Assistant Director Clyde A. Tolson in January issue of "The Peace Officer", and it is always refreshing to make favorable mention of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Your Mr. Drane Lester is a master entertainer and made our stay in Washington most pleasant. We shall never forget his hospitality on this occasion, nor shall we forget the many courtesies extended by other members of your organization, including our mutual friend Clegg.

The check for \$104.10 covering expenses incurred on my trip to Washington was received with your letter of the 27th inst.

I was very sorry indeed that you were out of the city and trust it will be my pleasure to visit Washington again and trust that I may have the opportunity of meeting you then. Too much praise cannot be given your Police Training School, and your efforts to put the investigation of crime and apprehension of criminals on a scientific basis.

Sincerely and cordially,

W. T. Griffin

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

CHIEF INSPECTOR.

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ENOCH B. CAREY
Superintendent

MARYLAND STATE POLICE
Bullford Avenue & Twenty First St.
Baltimore, Md.

February 3, 1936

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am delighted with your letter of January 29, and appreciate your offer of being useful in Maryland. We need you. We are on the verge of doing something that is constructive and to the point.

(Mr. Tolson) is a swell guy. He took an active part in the deliberation of our day's session, and as expected, made a real contribution. He kept us from pulling a boner.

At the proper time, I propose to make it my business to see to it that the key people in this State visit you in a body, with a view of seeing what I saw, and I hope, hearing what I heard.

The handwriting is on the wall. You fellows are leading the way.

The selection of enforcement officials on a political basis is on its way out in Maryland. Of course, we have a long way to go before the whole job is done, and there is nothing, I can think of, that will stimulate the movement more than to have the key people of the State visit your Department. You can count on it.

Sincerely yours,

ENOCH B. CAREY

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February 6, 1936.

New Yorker Hotel,
8th Avenue and 34th Street,
New York, New York.

Gentlemen:

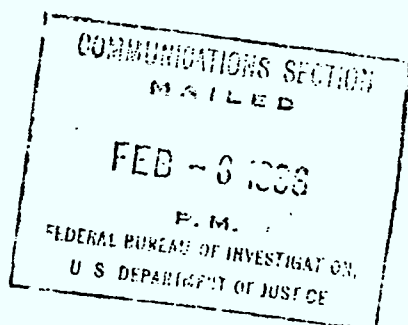
Kindly refer to my letters of January 31 and 29,
1936, in which I requested receipts for certain long distance
telephone calls placed by me.

Inasmuch as I have not received these receipts, your
early attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Clyde A. Tolson,
Assistant Director.

67-9524-225



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January 22, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Tolson's office, Room 5746, was inspected last night by Mr. Quinn, J. J. Tracy and the writer, and a quantity of police training school releases were found in a clothes cabinet.

Respectfully,

J. J. Tracy

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67-7400-4-1